

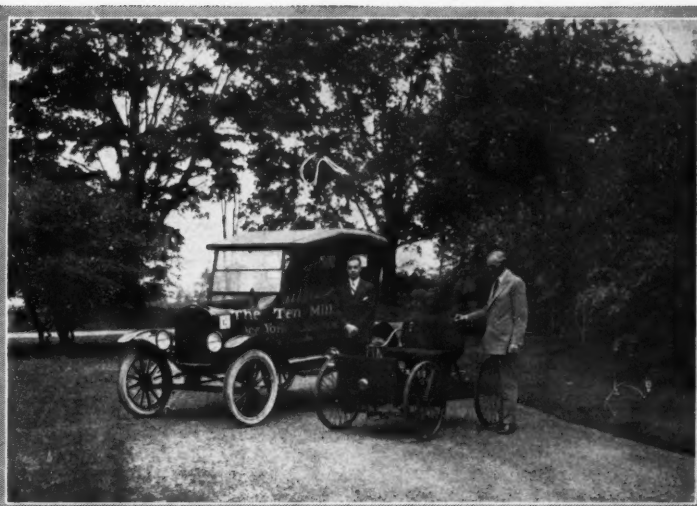
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## The Publisher's Page

IT IS only natural that I should say something this month about the public response to **HOBBIES**. The subscription response has been enough to arouse anyone's enthusiasm. I have spent many years in the publishing business, reaching some degree of success. That experience convinces me that I was correct in my belief that this field offered an opportunity for a successful magazine on a national scale. There are certain indicia that we have in this business that are as scientific as in any other. We are able to measure a certain proportion of response and if the right point is reached, we can feel reasonably justified in anticipating return of invested capital.

THE mail during the past month has been the most interesting in my publishing career. I never before received so many enthusiastic letters, and yet we in the office realized the shortcomings of our first issue of **HOBBIES**. So many of our readers thought we were over our heads and would not be able to keep up the standard we had set, when we well knew that we could and would improve the magazine as we went along. We are particularly grateful to those who got busy among their friends and sent in so many subscriptions. In my opinion the champion go-getter of the world is F. Theodore Dexter, of Topeka, Kansas, firearms collector, who up to this writing has sent us approximately a hundred subscriptions which he secured from among his customers. He did not even wait for the subscription blanks.



THE advertising end in one way is equally as encouraging because so many advertisers have written about the fine results they have received. One wrote us he had received 35 inquiries before all the copies had been mailed out of this office. At that rate we figure he received at least 100 inquiries. Another said he received 17 inquiries in one mail. Any magazine that will pull that many subscriptions for the publisher and that many inquiries for the advertiser certainly is well justified.

HOWEVER, there is one phase of the advertising that is very discouraging; that is, the reluctance of the advertisers to pay even the very reasonable rates that we are asking. It seems that the trade has been

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spending their money in 'catch-penny' mediums, whose appearance reflect their low rates and equally low standards. The dealers must realize that if they want a publisher who will put out a dignified magazine of increasingly better appearance and a circulation along national lines, they must pay a decent rate. Our press run this month is 8,000 copies. Stop and figure how many stamps it would require to reach that number of persons, and how much time and money to accumulate as large a select list. Remember you get what you pay for; that is true in your business and it is true in ours. Another feature that we have been discouraged with, is the great number of 'catch-penny' folks who seem to infest this trade. It is our intention to rise above this. We never realized until the last 30 days how many thousands of people apparently make a living in the sucker business in this country. We firmly believe that collecting is a hobby of the best class of people. Those of you who have written us along these lines may feel secure in the assurance that **HOBBIES** will reflect collecting in its best, highest and most profitable sense. Not that we have any idea of putting out a highbrow magazine—we want to keep it along popular lines and let it appeal to the masses, but we mean to keep it dignified so that it will be accepted in the best homes and circulate among those who have real money to spend.

**Q**UITE a number wrote desiring to join our editorial staff in different capacities, and these we thank for their interest. We are holding their communications in reserve until we are able to find out the best author-

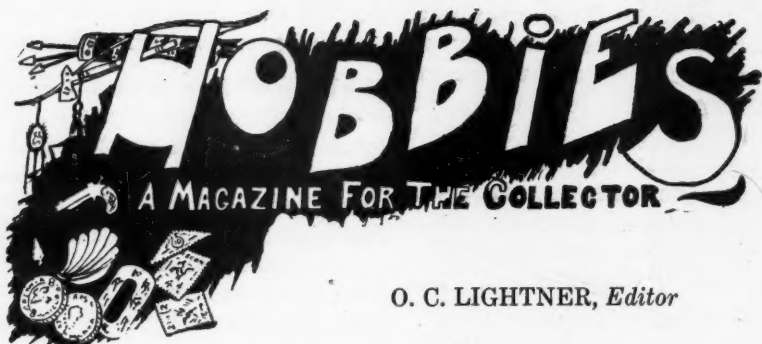
ities in the various branches of collecting, and until such time when we can find space for their contributions.

**W**E WANT to publish a 300-page magazine and if everybody will push and pull and boost so that the advertising justifies it, we can do it. We do not mean to scold some of you good folks who seem to want to ride, but we know that any publisher who wants to succeed must have less riders and more pushers.

**W**E THANK, particularly, those who took such an interest in sending us press clippings of unusual hobbies and who contributed such interesting material about their own experiences in hobby collecting.

**O**UR fan mail was heavy. We felt like a newly-made celebrity. One lady wrote that she thought she ought to get the prize this month because she had a collection of hobby magazines which had gone broke. We admit there has been a heavy mortality in this line. But isn't it a fact that practically every one of the scores of little papers that have appeared in times past were dealers house organs of some kind? Or, at best, wasn't it an amateur with a bright idea and a shoe-string purse? Furthermore, is there really any stamp magazine, or other collector's journal in existence today that hasn't a dealer interest back of it? Has any 'straight-out' publisher ever entered the field with ample capital, experience and facilities—aloof from a dealer's interest in any way, shape or form? If he had, he would have made a success of it. The field is here.

*O. C. Lightner.*



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## BE A COLLECTOR AND LIVE LONGER

JAMES E. BOYLE, *Professor of Rural Economics, Cornell University*  
*From Nation's Business*

I HAVE a feeling that most business men die too young. I have noticed, for instance, that former presidents of the Chicago Board of Trade have died while still comparatively young or middle-aged men.

Like most men of large business interests, they do not play enough. They are married to their business. This sort of life dwarfs a man and cheats him out of the good things within his reach.

So I am preaching a layman's sermon to the business man. The purpose is not to scold; but to exhort him to increase the dividends of his own happiness by 50 per cent or more by adopting a new and happy hobby—that of collecting. Preferably he should be a book collector.

"But," the business man may ask, "what is there interesting left for me to collect?"

The whole ocean of curious, interesting and valuable things remains to be explored. Chancellor Snow became famous as a bug collector, or rather as the collector of one particular bug. The British Museum had to borrow this insect specimen from him because it did not have one like it.

Since there are already 700,000 named

insects in the world, and more than twice that many yet unnamed, it is obvious that if any man wants to be a bug collector he has his life work cut out for him.

One friend of mine is a botanist and now has more than 100,000 named specimens of plants in his private collection. A Chicago journalist is a collector of aquatints. The late Professor Tichenor was a collector of clocks and old coins.

But I believe book collecting is the easiest field to get into and out of, and the one offering the most opportunities in any neighborhood. Books, diaries and similar written records migrate readily from the original homes to the cities, villages, and farm houses of the United States as well as other countries.

### *Journals Hold Interest*

IF the collector takes to books and manuscript records rather than to botany, or entomology, or art, or antiques, he will have a rich field right at his door.

One young man I know started to collect records showing the agricultural history of one of the eastern states, especially such records as farmer diaries, account books, journals, old letters, county fair

posters, premium lists, journals and ledgers of old grist mills and flour mills, old country stores, and so on.

In a few trips in his car he collected in one county more than 100 old diaries and note books of farmers.

In one case a farmer's diary, covering a period of 55 years and filling five large volumes was obtained. This record gave the daily life of the farmer and his community from the time the man was 18 until his death at the age of 73.

Another amateur collector was gathering written records of early agriculture in Jefferson County, New York, in the form of farmers' diaries, journals, account books and letters. He reported to the local newspaper the story of his best finds. A copy of this paper went to a subscriber at Pontiac, Ill., a woman 80 years old.

She at once wrote to the collector that this story reminded her of her father's old diary which had been in her possession for years and which she would like to see go back to its home state to stay since she was near the end of her life. So the diary came to the collector. It proved an exceedingly interesting document because it gave, among other things, the farmer's intimate experience in the panic of 1837.

These stories are typical. Every old farm house or village or city house has hidden in some old trunk or attic precious records which, in nine cases out of ten are lost forever. The first big surprise in collecting is the amount of good material close at hand once you begin to search in earnest for it. The pursuit is full of pleasant surprises.

Recall, for instance, the New England preacher of the early 1800's who was a collector in a very humble way. His hobby was rare Bibles. He had heard of the Eliot Bible printed in America in the Mohican language and knew that one copy had gone to Charles II of England. But he had never hoped to buy a copy for himself.

One day he was in a village barber shop. The barber turned to a curious old book and was about to tear a leaf from it to use for shaving paper. The preacher, having a tender conscience toward violating any book, stayed the barber's hand.

To his amazement the old book proved to be a fine copy of the Eliot Bible.

Thus, in the most out-of-the-way places does the collector make his best finds. Ex-

amples like this could be multiplied almost without limit.

The business man who starts to collect books, manuscripts, diaries, journals, letters, treaties, contracts, decrees, mandates, or any other form of records dealing with the evolution of his own business will have a hobby that will grow in interest during his whole lifetime.

Is he interested in textiles? Then he will be interested in that period some 80 to 100 years ago when the craze of silkworm culture swept this entire country. It was a grand orgy of speculation. At least six journals devoted to the mulberry tree and the silkworm were started. But who now has complete sets of these journals? No one, so far as I know. Yet they could be collected. They would be more than curious—they would be an object lesson in unwise speculation. It would probably take a live collector 15 years to assemble complete sets of these old silk journals.

Banking offers a much wider field for collection of documents for there have been so many vicissitudes in this business.

All the great businesses and all the professions offer magnificent and tempting opportunities to the collector. In a small way I have been collecting material on the grain trade for 25 years and can testify to the zest of it. Not only do these old documents have educational value but they have great human interest. They reproduce not merely the facts but the spirit, the very atmosphere of the past.

The book collector has another advantage. He can devote as much or as little time and money to his hobby as he pleases. Some collectors get much enjoyment out of spending as little as \$100 a year; some spend as much as a million. There is a wide range of choice here.

The main thing is to get started on this new adventure. For collecting will keep a man young, prolong his life and make him a better husband, father, business man and citizen.

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"I think your new magazine is 'new and wonderful.' It should be a great help to all 'hobbiars' and 'hobbiests.'—Paul Floyd Cornish, N. Y.

## Glassware Section



### *Choice Objects*

*A cabinet of choice objects of coral, crystal and jade. Including flower bowls, snuff bottles, jewel trees, figures of Kuan Yin and a small crystal globe from India, carved with the signs of the Zodiac. Courtesy John Wanamaker, New York.*

## *A Seller's Surprise*

The sale of the piece of old Chelsea china, known as "The Music Lesson" group, not long ago, provided another thrill of a London auction room. The seller, a clergyman's widow, experienced a pleasant surprise when the result of the bidding was announced. The piece bore the signature "R.,"

said to be that of the famous French sculptor Roubiliac.

The owner had confided before the sale that the limit of her expectations was about \$500. It sold, however, for the equivalent of more than \$15,000.

### With Old Glass Collectors

In every community there are women and men who are appreciative of the glassware art. Many of these collectors have become connoisseurs.

Mrs. W. H. Wilinon, speaking before a Woman's City Club meeting in Kansas City, Mo., some time ago called attention to probably the most important of all phase of glass collecting. Says she, "Most people collect in a haphazard way, but if one would collect carefully and in a systematic way he or she would soon have something worthwhile."

Among the interesting collections of glassware in Kansas City is one that deals with Sandwich ware. It is in the "Bell Flower" pattern and one that is much sought after.

Another is a collection of old cup plates and flasks—all American. The specialty in this group consists of historical plates such as Fort Pitt, Henry Clay, Benjamin Franklin, and Cadmus. A collection of amber pieces which came from Europe and which are rare and valuable are the prize of another.

### Two Hoosier Devotees

Mrs. H. C. Beckett and daughter Mrs. Atsie Lawrence, Hoosiers, collect old glassware and have more than 600 interesting specimens to their credit. In the collection is a lovely old majolica fish pitcher, its tail forming the handle and its mouth the spout. There is also a majolica tankard, shaped like an owl and with a pewter lid. Two lustre pitchers and a cup and saucer of lustre, dating back to the early part of 1700 are other highly prized and rare pieces.

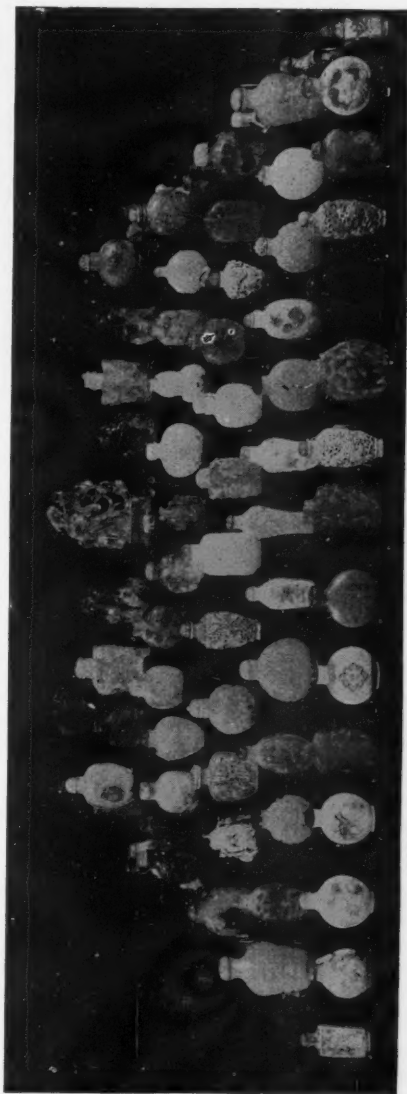
Mrs. Lawrence has 350 perfect arrowheads, several fossil specimen, soft beautiful semi-precious stones as well as several Fairy Cross formations. These are unique in that they are only found in one place, at Patrick County, Va.

"First of all I want to acknowledge receipt of my first copy of *HOBBIES* and tell you how pleased I was with it. It's a dandy and I wish it a long and prosperous life. I am greatly interested in your magazine and want to see it succeed."—George E. Bergman, Illinois.

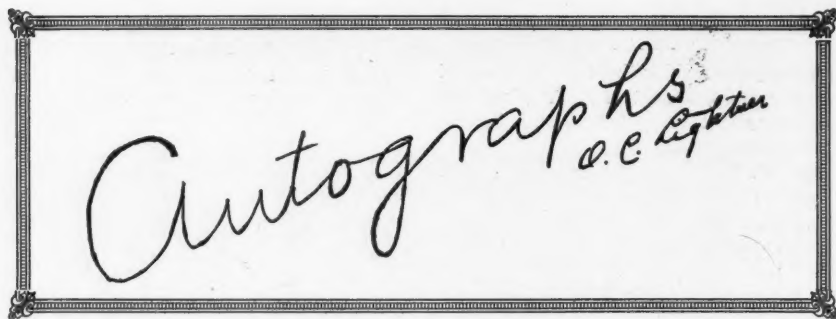
### A Collection of Snuff Bottles

Snuff bottles, despite some opinions to the contrary, are sometimes real objects of art.

This is a Chinese collection of snuff bottles in aquamarine, rose quartz, tourmaline, crystal, amethyst, jade, ivory, agate, cameo glass, carnelian, Thibetan jewel work, etc. They date from the Ming Dynasty (1368-1693) and from the Yung Ching and Ch'ien-Lung Periods (1723-1796). Courtesy John Wanamaker, New York.



Is There a Collection of Pipes That Can Compare With These Snuff Bottles?



### *"Ask and It Shall Be Given"*

That is the rule of Rev. Cornelius Greenway, of Flatbush, N. Y., who has one of the finest modern autograph collections in existence. "But," he adds, "in autograph collecting you must keep everlastingly at the asking."

The minister, guest speaker at a recent woman's club meeting in Worcester, Mass., speaking of his collection, said that each of his autographs tells a different human interest story. And what an interesting story they are! Such names as Queen Marie, Mussolini, King Albert, and other similar ones enter into the plot. There are generals, field marshals and admirals enough to command a good army.

Mr. Greenway says that his collection is the fruit of many years work and of many dollars spent for stamps stationery and occasionally photographs. "It is also," he said, "the result of patience and enthusiasm."

Explaining further regarding his hobby, Mr. Greenway says, "Yes, I am still having great thrills in collecting autographs, in spite of the fact that I now have over 3,200. I still get the same joy on the receipt of a new one that I got years ago when I received my first signed photograph. But it is not easy to collect autographs. As a matter of fact, it is hard, very hard."

"You can't sit down and say, 'Well, I am going to write to the Kaiser and ask him for his photograph.' It can't be done that way."

In acquiring the autograph of King Albert of Belgium the collector used an interesting method. Having been adjutant of an American Legion post which numbered a member who had been decorated by the king with the Belgium war cross, Rev. Greenway used this fact as his "sales

point." He wrote to King Albert telling him of his post and its decorated member and asked him for a photograph for use in the post hall. Three months later a very handsome photograph of the king in trench coat and steel helmet arrived.

Rev. Mr. Greenway then addressed the king again and, thanking him in behalf of the legion for the photograph, asked if he might send money to cover the cost of a duplicate, since he wanted one for his own collection. He admitted that he was already tempted to hold the first one for himself. To his surprise, in answer to this letter he received a photograph of the king twice as large as the first and accompanied by a personal letter.

"A large and select collection demands much time," according to this autograph collector, "but of course the more time spent on it the more valuable it becomes. Keep writing and writing. Do not count postage stamps or time. Be unafraid and have patience."

### *50,000 Autographs*

A story was told some few years ago of one Joseph F. Mikulec, a well known globe trotter, who collected autographs as he visited the far lands of the earth. In his travels, afoot, he had at the time the story was told collected over 50,000 autographs, including those of the rulers of the principal powers of the world.

### *A Request from the Prince*

The story is related of a young school lad in England who was immediately expelled from his school because on a recent visit of the Prince to his school, the boy asked the renowned visitor for his autograph. The



An Extensive Collection of Autographed Photographs.  
Owned by David A. Bensman, Wisconsin

Prince was understood to have told the boy that he was sorry that it couldn't be done as he would have to do it for everybody there if he did it for one. Later it was reported that the Prince, learning of the boy's plight, asked that he be allowed to return to school.

### *Signatures of Composers*

Some go in for the autographs of presidents, others for movie heroes and heroines, but to Harrie W. Johnston of Bedford, Mass. there is no hobby quite so appealing as the collecting of the signatures of musical composers.

Mr. Johnston a musician himself, has practically a thousand names on his list. Almost every country in Europe is represented in his autograph collection—England, France, Belgium, Italy, Russia, Germany and Austria being included. Some composers sent letters with their autographs. One particularly fine missive was received from Cecil Chaminade, an eminent French woman composer. Ippolitov-Ivancy sent his autograph by registered mail from Russia, the envelope being almost covered with stamps.

One of the first autographs to be received was from Dr. Karl Muck, formerly conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra. Another autograph of note is that of Dr. Jenő Hubey, director of the Budapest Conservatory of Hungary. England is well

represented in the collection by such eminent composers as Frederick Cowen, Sir Edward German, Sir A. G. MacKenzie, Arthur Somervall and many others. Some of the other notable autographs received from foreign lands are those of Charles M. Wider and Paul Dukas of France; Johan Halvoren of Norway; Jean Sibelius, Finland; Arthur De Greef of Belgium; Richard Strauss, Bruno Walter of Germany and Austria.

Among the many women composers who are listed in the collection are: Mrs. H. H. Beach, Margaret R. Lang, Helen Hopkirk, and Dana Ethel Smyth of England.

American autographs, of course, predominate. There is an imposing list of gifted native composers, including Sousa, Lutkin, Coombs, Chadwick, Loeffler, Gushwin, Stillman-Kelly, Cadman, Gardner, Busch, and Frederick Stock, conductor of the Chicago Symphony orchestra. Albert Stoessel very obligingly sent two very fine copies.

One of the dearly cherished of the autographs is that of Edward MacDowell, one of the greatest and most original American composers. Though he died in 1908, his wife kindly sent a fine piece of his manuscript.

Philip Hale, a brilliant critic and historical writer on musical subjects, humorously sent a chord in "C" major and his signature.

After being properly mounted and labeled Mr. Johnston's collection is to be placed on exhibition at the Free Public library.

## Here and There With Collectors

### *With the Fairer Sex*

*Something will have to be done about this. Note that there is far greater activity with men collectors than with women. Ladies, here is a field that you need to stimulate or the men will outshine you, or rather they are already outshining you. Send in news about yours and your women friends' collections. Maybe we're not getting all of the news about the women folks and their hobbies!*

MRS. D. D. ALLISON of California has an interesting collection of family heirlooms, including a sampler made in 1762.

MRS. ROPER of Oregon collects pieces of wedding dresses. At the present time she has something like 200 specimens, some from relatives and others from friends or noted persons.

MATTIE CRITES, an invalid of North Carolina finds an interesting pastime in gathering view-cards from all the places she would like to visit. These include both scenes from the United States and foreign countries.

MRS. JEAN ADAMS of California gathered \$13,000 worth of jade and amber beads while a missionary in China. They were recently sold by her heirs.

Collecting dolls is the hobby of Mrs. C. B. GRIFFIN of California. She has over \$4,000, including all nationalities and ranging in size from one-half inch to five feet. Some are very old.

### *With the Sterner Sex*

ALEXANDER DRAKE, head of the Art Department in Century Magazine, in 1870, collected band-boxes. It was the color work on the crudely painted wall papers covering them which interested him.

One of the Vanderbilts has a collection of every specie of flea known to science.

GEORGE COLMAN, of California collects sea paintings and items of interest to marines, such as old binnacle lamps, ships' logs and anchors.

OSCAR, a famous chef in a New York hotel, collected primitive and antique cooking vessels.

The late LAWRENCE HUTTON collected death masks.

What is probably one of the largest collections of Civil War photographs in existence is now the property of H. W. SINGLETON of Utah. It consists of 600 photographs.

GEO. HAROUFF, Atcheson, Kan., has complete files of that city's directories since 1859. At that time the city had only 350 inhabitants.

The largest collection of typewriters in the world is owned by W. P. GEHRETT of California. It includes 220 models and it dates back almost to the beginning of that invention.

LERNA KENNEDY of California has a large collection of valentines dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries. Among them are some originally belonging to the Alden family of Puritan fame.

HARRY M. KONWISER of New York collects books on tobacco, at present having between three and four hundred volumes.

JAMES MADISON of California collects theater playbills, the oldest in his lot being from Baltimore dated 1786. He also has 10,000 pieces of sheet music.

The MORGAN collection was supposed to be the greatest private collection ever made. His porcelains were valued at two millions of dollars, his books at four and a half millions. Twelve experts were employed to give advice when Morgan purchased these antiques.



Relic House of G. E. Pilquist, Dardanelles, Ark.

The art works of **JOHN JOHNSON** of Philadelphia were appraised at \$4,500,000.

**JOSEPH PARKS**, Saltburn-by-the-sea, Yorkshire, spends his spare time with an album full of choice match-box labels—the second largest collection in the world. He has 14,500 different ones.

**A. E. PETERSEN** of Ontario, an ex-service man, collects British war medals. During the World War he was fortunate in picking up many fine specimens.

**JAMES FRANKLIN BALLARD** of Missouri has traveled several times around the world in search of rare Oriental rugs. He now has one of the finest collections extant.

**WALTER WITCHEY** of Oregon has a collection of nearly a thousand pieces of choicest agate, sardonyx, sapphires, carnelian and so on. These he has gathered during the past 12 years. All are polished.

**ANDY MOOREHEAD**, who has been a barber at Huron, Kans., for the last 36 years, collects almanacs as a hobby. He has one printed in 1776, which gives a calendar for 200 years. The calendar dates from 1776 to 1976.

**PHIL. LIBBY** of Wisconsin is again building his collection of baggage labels which was destroyed by fire in 1923. He had over a thousand at that time.

**MARTIN KACHMAR** of Connecticut collects "home-town souvenirs" including pen-nants, spoons, paperweights or anything which bears the name of a town and is designated to sell as a souvenir.

**HORACE REID** of Washington, while traveling with an outdoor show for six years, collected 5,000 view folders—all of towns he had personally visited.

**DAN SCHUETZ** of California, old-time jockey, now collects pictures of race horses and their riders. He has a picture of every famous horse since 1879, fifteen hundred in all.

**ELBERT T. BELDIN** of Arkansas collects cigar bands, classifying them in his album according to the type of engraving and the picture trade-marks.

One of the largest collections of American theatrical photographs is said to be owned by **ALBERT DAVIS** of Brooklyn, N. Y.

**H**OBBIES has also gone in for collecting. It is saving the testimonials that have come in from endorsers and well-wishers of the publication. Here are a few excerpts.

## - The Mailbag -

### *From a Fellow Publisher*

"When the red covered HOBBIES came to my desk, I thought, Oh, just another, but I find it is another sample of your great 'executiveness,' as in the transformation and rapid growth of several little old nut journals, into the fine *National Nut News*. With almost envy I have watched your ability, but why should I envy the sun? I can never be one, so why the ire? Anyway I can admire. Your message in March HOBBIES is enlightening and inspiring. You take the crows along with you. Fortunate man to have capital."

Wishing you still more success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

*Jean Roberts Albert*

*Publisher the Vegetarian*

"I have just looked over the copy of HOBBIES that you were good enough to send me, and wish to say that it is a fine piece of work."—*Craig Dare, N. Y.*

"Copy HOBBIES received and certainly do like it. You have small ad of ours which sure is pulling orders; the most of any paper we ever advertised in. Thirty-five to date and still coming in!"—*System Direct Mail Service, Mich.*

"March issue of HOBBIES at hand, and I want to congratulate you for the presentation of such an attractive journal."—*Wilson Straley, Mo.*

"Received HOBBIES today. It looks fine, I am well pleased with it."—*R. R. Dixon, Mo.*

"Just received No. 1 of HOBBIES, and allow me to offer my congratulations on the new magazine. The colored paper for the departments is fine; the whole magazine is a 'cracker-jack.' Each department has sufficient material to make it of interest to the reader, and each department carries its own type ads. In fact you have succeeded in

giving us several magazines under one cover, and with one hundred pages to browse through (and browsing, you know, is meat to the collector) what more could anyone want?"—*T. J. Eppes, Fla.*

"Copy of first number of HOBBIES just received and must hasten to compliment you on the 'get up,' fine book paper, good printing, etc. It is a 'Peach' and I wish you lots of success."—*C. H. Regan, Oak Park, Ill.*

"I received my first copy of HOBBIES—It's fine."—*Lemley Curio Store, Kansas.*

"Just received a copy of HOBBIES and do not hesitate to say you not only have the best magazine of its kind but it appears to me that it has a great future."—*D. M. Hubbard, Ill.*

"At last we poor collectors have a real high class little magazine, and it sure will be a good thing if all issues are as good as this sample is. I am enclosing my dollar for a year's subscription."—*Irving Hurlburt, Ia.*

"Yesterday I received a copy of HOBBIES, and I want to tell you that it is a mighty nice publication, and well appreciated magazine."—*W. L. Bowlus, Texas.*

"Received my first copy of HOBBIES today and I must say it is a very fine magazine."—*Robert L. Jones, Minn.*

"I am more than pleased with The Magazine. I like its make-up, good paper, subject matter, and different colored pages for the different subject matter."—*Paul H. Ginter, Ill.*

"Thank you for HOBBIES. It is very interesting."—*S. Du Quette, Pensacola, Fla.*

"You are putting out a very nice magazine and I wish you success to the end."—*Lloyd Cox, Fla.*

"A copy of the new HOBBIES received, and I want to compliment you for getting out such a fine magazine for the collector. It

covers a very wide field and should receive the thanks and support of every collector.

"You certainly can put my name on your mailing list as a subscriber, and please let me know what I owe you for the two ads in the March issue on pages 28 and 29, and also what the cost will be to publish the two ads for one year. Every mail brings me letters in response to the ads in the new HOBBIES."—*Henry A. Lambert, Ill.*

"March number reached me yesterday. It is quite attractive and full of meat. I predict a grand success."—*Joel H. DuBose, Ga.*

"Received the first copy of HOBBIES, and like it very much. It is very interesting all the way through."—*Lewis A. Burrows, Kan.*

"HOBBIES, a sample copy of which I have just received, sure looks good to me. Enclosed please find bank draft for one dollar for a year's subscription."—*Ray McDonald, Ill.*

"I read my copy and sure enjoyed every word of it."—*H. B. Whitehouse, Nebraska.*

"More power to you, and HOBBIES. It is great, and will go over with a 'bang'."—*Ralph N. Wingert, Kansas.*

"I have the March copy of HOBBIES. Congratulations. It has a professional look."—*F. Theodore Dexter, Topeka, Kan.*

"Personally I think HOBBIES a very fine effort, and would like to see the good work go forward. I don't see how you are going to get by at \$1 per 100 pages—for that money it is a 'real' buy? Start us on the list."—*T. P. Pettigrew, Illinois.*

"Just received my first copy of HOBBIES. I wish to state that of all collector publications that it has been my pleasure to receive there is none to compare with HOBBIES. I feel that it will fill a long-felt want among

the countless 'Hobbiests' throughout the country,"—*Del Smith, Benton, Ill.*

"I find your magazine very interesting and very profitable."—*James Martin, La.*

"I have just finished reading your first issue of HOBBIES and I certainly like it! When I first opened the envelope, I saw that it was a *real magazine*. Its appearance gives the impression of being of the higher class of magazines.

"I want to congratulate you on this, your first issue, and I shall look forward with pleasure to each and every one."—*Arnold J. Bauer, Minn.*

"I think HOBBIES is very fine and it appears to cover the entire field of collecting."—*F. C. Miller, Nebraska.*

"One day last week, I received my first copy of HOBBIES and I want to say I did not think it possible for one magazine to hold so many interesting things. And believe me I didn't stop until I had read every word, advertisements and all.

"I am trying to learn the history of each piece I collect, so you see what a magazine like HOBBIES can mean to one.

"Here's hoping each month brings in many new subscriptions, as it is a magazine that should be in every collector's home."—

*Mrs. Atsie Lawrence, Indiana.*

"I have just received your new magazine HOBBIES which has absorbed Philatelic West and other magazines; and after reading it I find that it is one of the finest and most interesting of hobby magazines. Its style of make up, etcetera, compares with such papers as Cosmopolitan, and ones similar."—*Harry*

*E. Kelso, Kansas.*

"Received my first copy of HOBBIES and think it a very wonderful magazine and one that is bound to grow."—*J. L. Beardsley, Ill.*

*CICERO* once said, "We are all excited by the love of praise, and it is the noblest spirits that feel it most."

We don't say that we're noble, but we felt a deep sense of gratification and responsibility when letters containing these excerpts and dozens similar poured into the editorial sanctum following the March circulation of HOBBIES.

The originals of these unsolicited testimonials, with many others, now repose among the publisher's most prized collections.

## MISCELLANEOUS RELICS

### *Find Fossil Bed*

NOT long ago, J. E. Smith, owner and operator of a sand pit south of Garden City, Kansas, made a discovery which was regarded with importance in natural history circles.

"Perhaps," says the *Kansas City Star*, "it may open up a fossil bed at the very doorstep of Garden City."

At various times Mr. Smith and his sons, while taking sand from the pits, have found pieces of bones and teeth, apparently of some prehistoric animal. One of the interesting discoveries is a mammoth tusk found about ten feet below the surface of the ground, that must have, at one time, been part of the dentistry of a mastodon.

The tusk was about nine inches through at its thickest part. The ivory was in a poor state of preservation.

### *Iowa Discovers*

That one never knows where treasures lurk may be attested to by John Jordan, an Iowa farmer, who a few years ago found the bones of a prehistoric animal, apparently deposited with gravel by the great glacier of thousands of years ago.

Jordan was first attracted to his find by what appeared to be a peculiar rock formation. On closer observation he concluded that his discovery was part of a set of teeth which once were possessed by a gigantic animal. Loosening the gravel, he discovered that the teeth were still clinging to the jawbone.

A few years previous to this discovery, another Iowan, Ace Albertson, found teeth of a prehistoric animal in the river near Ottumwa.

### *Discover Palace of Persian Kings*

Sixty Arab workmen working on the site of the ancient Sumerian city of Kish, eight miles east of Babylon, recently discovered the first well-preserved palace of the Sasanian dynasty of Persian kings.

This discovery is expected to shed a great light on the history of these old Persian peoples.

One wall and two gateways of a royal palace which dates about 350 A. D. were the first remnants to be dug up. The condition of the ruins indicates that this is the first completely preserved palace of its kind ever found.

There are pieces of sculpture in white gypsum, plaques and friezes showing vines, animals and bas-relief figures of giants and soldiers, and many other old relics.

The ruins are in many layers, representing the stages of civilization at each age, and the palace is on the top.

### *Fossil Elephants in Nebraska*

Nebraska was at one time, apparently, a favorite home of elephants.

Dr. E. H. Barbour, curator and professor of geology at the University of Nebraska, once remarked that there are more fossil elephants buried in the state of Nebraska than there are human remains. It is estimated that 5,000,000 years have elapsed, however, since this tribe of the elephant world lived in the state.

There is in Morrill Hall museum in this state the partial remains of an elephant, known to scientists as archidiskodon mai-beni, a type that had an estimated height of 14 feet. This mammoth was found several years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Karriger on their farm about sixteen miles north of Curtis, Neb.,. An unknown number of bones and parts of bones were pounded up to furnish lime for the large flocks of poultry on the farm, before it was discovered that they were out of the ordinary and then they were preserved.

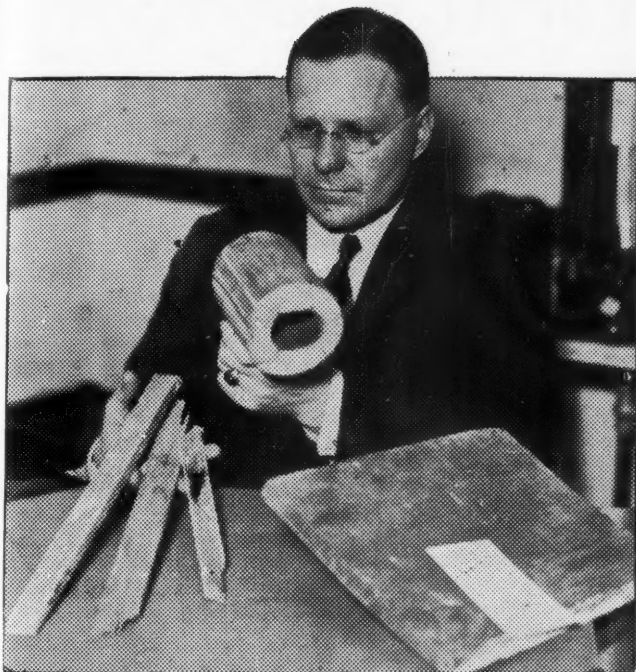
### *Ex-Kaiser Buys Watch*

THE appeal for relics is common to the well-known and the obscure alike.

Of the better known, William Hohenzollern, last of the Kaisers, recently paid \$1200 for a gold watch owned a century and a half ago by Frederick the Great.

One of his representatives bought it in at an auction of furnishings of Glienicke Castle, owned now by Prince Friedrich Leopold Hohenzollern, the former Kaiser's cousin.

## Relics of 2 President



*Courtesy St. Paul (Minn.) News.*

**T**HE collecting of Historic wood is a comparatively unusual hobby, yet one that is certainly most interesting to the pursuer of this particular phase of connoisseurship.

D. H. Bartlett, executive of the Weyerhaeuser Products Company of St. Paul is shown here holding wooden relics from historic Virginia. They are some pieces of wood from the home of James Monroe, "Ash Lawn," and part of a pump used at "Monticello," the home of Thomas Jefferson.

The piece of the pump photographed came from a well dug in 1767, four years before the construction of Monticello. It was made of cucumber wood and yellow pine, according to Mr. Bartlett.

The laths depicted at Mr. Bartlett's left and the boards came from "Ash Lawn,"

which was built by the former president in 1801.

It was from "Ash Lawn," located near Charlottesville, Va., that James Monroe rode horseback to Washington to take the oath of office as the fifth president of the United States.

### *For the Meteorite Collector's History*

From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail

If the huge meteorite that fell in Siberia had struck London the whole of the city would have been wiped out.

It devastated an area equal in size to Belgium, more than 11,000 square miles.

Professor Kulik, a Russian scientist headed a small expedition and went out to find if there was any truth in the reports which were made in 1908 about the fall of a huge meteorite somewhere in Siberia.

What the party of scientists saw was a "dead forest"—hundreds of miles of dead, charred trees, the earth fantastically bruised, and giant trees in heaps like so much straw.

Facing a food shortage and ravaged by disease, Professor Kulik's companions, on his own instructions, started out for home, leaving him behind.

His prolonged absence alarmed Russian scientific circles, and a relief expedition was sent to rescue him. When he was found, his food supplies were almost exhausted.

The meteorite, according to the professor's estimate, is the largest to have struck the earth in the memory of mankind.

# UNUSUAL HOBBIES

*This department carries news of novel collections. If you have an interesting hobby write to UNUSUAL HOBBIES DEPARTMENT.*

## *Our Monthly Prize for the Most Unique Hobby*

We will give \$5.00 each month for the story of the most unusual hobby that is submitted to us. If you have an unusual hobby collection, or know of one, do not fail to suggest it to the Prize Editor.

Many excellent stories of unusual hobbies were received last month; and Anne Henry, Pasadena, Calif., was awarded \$5.00 for the best suggestion. Her story follows:

### *"Love Laughs"*

My hobby, in so far as I know, is original with me, has the advantage of being inexpensive, easily assembled and the source of supply is always available, while the result furnishes no end of amusement to my family, myself and many friends, who delight in reading my decidedly unique book "Love Laughs." It consists of clippings from the "Intention to Wed" and the Marriage License columns printed in the daily newspapers.

Every issue brings a fresh offering, all garnered at no extra cost, for there is seldom an issue wherein the merging of names is, if not incredibly funny, at least worthy of comment. For instance, on checking through my book at random, I find:

Jack Frost-Opal Snow; Ralph English-Ida Irish; Ned Waters-Nancy Rivers; John Head-Sallie Hart; Lucien Legg-Stella Stocking; Franklin Foot-Hattie Hand; Wm. Woolsey-Pauline Paisley; Archie Goodman-Laura Racket; Edgar Pillow and Elsie Post, and so, even unto Winter and Sum-

mer, Earley and Rainey, and a host of others.

Just for fun, let us consider a few more. Here we have Brooks-Fountain; White-Black; Brown-Green; Bear-Beaver; Bird-Buall; Miller-Mason; Best-Badly; Bean-Hogg; Temple-Church; Wood-Stone; Carr-Wheeler; Fry-Boilen; Callow-Love; Keen-Fox; Gay-Parrot; Goodhue-Vermillion; Cutter-Keen; Smart-Numb; Bugg-Blight; Sheets-Comfort; Catt-Canary; Poor-Rich; Cook-Stewart; Angel-Devlin; Jolly-Stamfer; Fitts-Shaker; Barker-Howler; Fish-Deer; Trump-Car: Speaker-Sparks; Oats-Plumb; Field-Forrest; Salt-Pepper; North-West; Easter-day-Monday; Ruby-Light; Edger-Trimmer; Nickle-Dollar; Penny-Richer; Goodfellow-Bell; Carpenter-Gardner; Cookson-Baker; Farmer-Paddock; Ford-Bridges; Box-Bellows; Holder-Hopper; Price-Pray; Frey-Drabble and all the rest!

And still there's some new combination coined, merged or brought to light every day. (Yes, I have Day and Knight, Meek and Lamb; Tattler and Teller, and myriads more) and it is the joy of my life to discover each new 'blend'—I've just discovered Sweet and Williams; Dill and Hamm; Tubbs and Potts; Bacon and Coffee—and it is surprisingly early in the morning, so who knows what the day may bring forth? I'm sure you will agree that my unusual hobby is the happiest possible interest in my life, nor will you wonder that I believe it to be the best in the world!

—Sent in by Anne Henry, California.

### *Close Seconds*

There were many close seconds, however, and our Prize Editor offers the following as worthy of honorable mention:

### *Gun Literature*

**G**UNS—both old and new—have always been one of my fancies. But being ill considerable of the time. I have been unable to collect them to any great extent. But I have followed the next best course—collected gun catalogs and circulars pertaining to arms. These I have bound in old leather. I also clip articles from magazines about guns and paste these into books. In this way I have a collection of interesting material on the things that I like best. I also have pictures of old furniture and likewise pictures of office furniture. These are my hobbies. They haven't cost me much, but they have given me a liberal education and are something that I thoroughly enjoy.

—Sent in by S. DuQuette, Florida.

### *Hotel Letterheads*

**F**. B. MARKS of Missouri, has a very novel hobby. He collects hotel letterheads. Mr. Marks began this interesting hobby several years ago when he was employed as a traveling salesman for a wholesale concern. Upon retiring he was able to continue this odd pastime with the aid of his acquaintances who save the letterheads that they receive.

At the present time Mr. Marks has more than 90,000 in his collection, ranging from the highest priced and most exclusive hosteries at the fashionable resorts to the cheapest "flop houses" on the Bowery. The collection is neatly mounted in leather-bound books, a volume for each State. There is a volume also for foreign letterheads.

Mr. Marks is frequently the guest at Hotel and Traveling Men Association Banquets where his collection is the center of attraction.

—Sent in by Del Smith, Illinois.

### *Diversified Collections*

**M**Y uncle, who died a few years, had then, perhaps, one of the largest collections of pitchers in existence, garnered from every country in the world and of a large variety of sizes and types. Nine barrels were required for packing these away upon his death. My hobby is collecting of book matches, not just empty covers, but the full,

clean, new packs, and my ambition is to obtain samples from every state in the Union. Both my mother and myself have penchants also for collecting old keys although I have outdistanced her by about 100 specimens. My father is a stamp man.

—Sent in by Newton B. Phillips, Conn.

### *Other Interesting Collections*

**L**LOYD COX, of Florida, collects old bottle tops; Edwin Brooks, of Chicago has a cherished scrapbook in which he records data regarding his brain children—articles written for publication; A Mr. Bryan, of New York State, collects auto plates, and has obtained specimens from all over the United States and many foreign countries.

R. C. Miller of Nebraska, has a fine lot of small and medium sized trademarks and labels such as are used on various types of merchandise. He also collects self-addressed envelopes. These are certainly good hobbies to commend to others because the cost is little and the appeal is unusual.

Even farming can be made more interesting if you follow the right kind of a hobby. Norris Dullum, of North Dakota, collects overall buttons, and has in his collection about thirty-five different types. Mr. Dullum is able to add to his collection by buying a new brand each time his old suits wear out. He has worn overalls of 18 different manufacturers in order to augment his button collection.

### *Educational and Interesting*

I am an ardent follower of two hobbies. One of them is collecting newspaper heads—a head consisting of a front page head-line and all the material above it. I chose this hobby, first because the supply of material is almost inexhaustible to the collector of average means; second, because it is cheap compared to many other hobbies; third, because it offers a vast amount of educational material, especially when heads from foreign papers are available, and because it helps me to know more about cities and distant countries; and fourth, because a number of them from different parts of the world, when pasted together in an old sample book, make an interesting display. I do not know of anybody else who follows this hobby.

My other hobby is collecting Radio Verification Stamps. This is a more expensive hobby, since it usually costs a dime to secure a stamp from a broadcasting station. The ardent "DX" radio fan (one who is always trying to pull in stations just out of the range of his receiving set) is familiar with stamps of this kind, though the public, I believe, as a whole, knows little or nothing of this hobby. Radio stations keep a supply of Radio Verification Stamps on hand to distribute to radio fans who request them, provided they can furnish sufficient proof that they really heard a certain station at a specified time. Such a hobby as this promotes a desire to learn more about radio stations, and the technical part of radio receivers (a true radio fan is always trying to devise means of getting more out of his set) thus making it educational as well as interesting. I think it would be a fine idea to devote a page or column to DX fans anyway.

—Sent in by Raymond J. Ramsdem, Wis.

### *From Milady's Pockets*

When one of the boys I knew came back from the World War, he brought a collection of perhaps twenty, or more, lace handkerchiefs, which he had picked up mostly in France.

They were small for those days—about  $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ , such as are used today. Some were entirely of lace, Duchess, point de sprite, etc., and others having linen centers and edged with the most exquisite lace.

It was a wonderful collection, and so priceless, to him, at least, that he kept it in a safety deposit box at the bank.

I don't know what has become of the collection or whether it has been added to since then, but it surely was unusual, unique, and very valuable.

—Sent in by Incognito.

### *A Fancy for Bookmarks*

*Condensed from The New York Sun.*

IT seems strange and unusual that antique bookmarks should have escaped the attention of those collectors who are energetically searching new fields to gratify longings for "out of the way" things. Possibly it is because there are no establishments which specialize in them or openly display

them for sale, a state of things which must add to the thrill of the game, and encourage any one who purveys articles of this sort to profit thereby.

Apart from this, the origin and development of the bookmark is a romantic history, although there seems to be little or no literature on the subject.

It is fairly well established that a bookmark was first used in the fourteenth century in illuminated missals or prayer books.

While not positively established, it may be conjectured that the American bookmark is a product of the year 1840. Then, as now, it was the custom to present Bibles at Eastertide, with bookmarks loosely inserted indicating a favorite Psalm, and eventually being used to point out the "Family Record" between the New and Old Testaments where the handwritten genealogical pages have intimate history from the cradle to the grave.

It is said that John C. Lavater, the noted physiognomist, to avoid lending books to acquaintances, made lavish gifts of cards containing striking passages he had copied from favorite books, presenting them to his friends to be used as bookmarks. He did this instead of making marginal notes on the books, or dog-eared the pages from the volumes from which the information was extracted.

This fascinating art of craftsmanship has never been publicly exhibited, although it seems certain that the New York Public Library, the Boston Public Library and the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester, Mass., have numerous individual bookmarks undoubtedly removed from thousands of volumes in their possession; and could provide an interesting showing.

In England large mercantile concerns are still using printed cardboard bookmarks for advertising purposes, and it is supposed that some are now being made in the country, but the ribboned examples seem to have passed entirely out of existence.

—Sent in by Harry M. Konwiser, New York.

SPACE in this issue will not permit publication of all the interesting stories received. We shall include the others in the May number, however. In the meantime, send in other suggestions. \$5.00 will be awarded the winner.

## Wherein We Collect a Few Jokes

### *Everything Else But*

"Has your husband any hobbies?" asked the neighbor who was calling.

"No," said Mrs. Tuggle, "he has rheumatiz a good deal, and hives now and then, but he ain't never had no hobbies."

### *The Difference*

Teacher—Johnny, what is the difference between a battle and a massacre?

Johnny—A battle is when a whole lot of whites kill a few Indians and a massacre is when a whole lot of Indians kill a few whites.

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### *A Calling*

"And what is your father's profession?"

"He is a worm imitator."

"What?"

"He makes worm holes in antique furniture."—*Annapolis Log.*

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### *Feminine Curiosity*

"Why is Mabel so angry? The papers gave a full account of her wedding."

"Yes, but they put in that Miss Backfield was married to the well known collector of antiques."

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### *His Appreciation*

"Mercy sakes!" astonishedly ejaculated Mrs. Johnson in the midst of her reading. "Here is an item telling about a painting worth \$100,000 being stole!"

"As the feller said when he seen the hipopotamus, 'Aw, hell! There ain't no such animal!'" skeptically returned Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge.—*Kansas City Star.*

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### *A Sellout*

Box Office Clerk—I want some 2-cent stamps.

Postoffice Clerk (about to tear them off sheet)—How many?

Box Office Clerk—I'll take the three front rows.—James A. Sanaker in *Chicago Daily News.*

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### *How!*

A hunter was showing off his collection of trophies to a group of visitors. He was rapturously explaining how he acquired the various exhibits.

"See that elephant," he said, "I shot it in



my pajamas."

"My Gawd," murmured the flapper, "how did it get there?"

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### *Book Ends*

Salesman—How about some of these nice bronze book ends?

Gloomy Fellow—No, she might throw them at me.

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### *Rushing the Past*

First Furnituremaker—That bookcase isn't an antique, is it?

Second Furnituremaker—No, but another day's work and it will be.

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### *Fitting*

"What shall I fear for my screen test?"

"How about a filmy dress?"

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### *Well Supplied*

Antique Dealer—Now, sir, if you'll step this way, I've a very fine specimen of a Queen Anne sideboard I would like to show you.

Client—Say, that old queen of yours must have had a big dining-room. This'll be the eighth sideboard of hers I've seen this week.—*Tit-Bits.*

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### *The Collector*

I have no first editions,

I don't collect antiques,

And to discover edelweiss

I've climbed no mountain peaks.

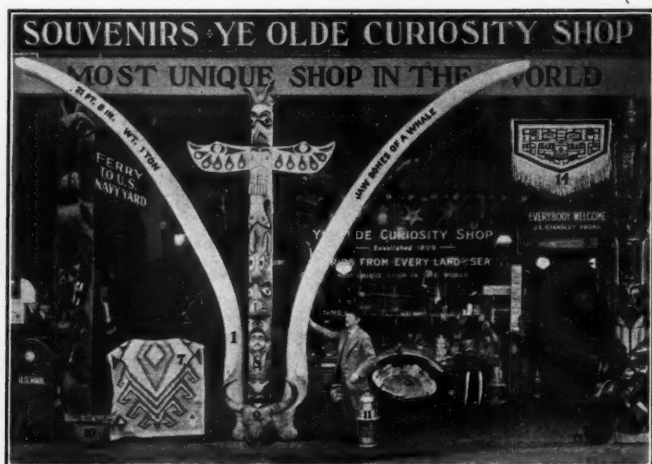
Still I have a collection,

All others 'twould eclipse,

Since I have started saving

My own rejection slips.

—Rosamond du Jardin in *Chicago Daily News.*



An Interesting Place to Visit in Seattle, Wash.—Ye Olde Curiosity Shop

## TRANSFER COLLECTING

ROBERT E. DUNLOP

THE world is full of queer hobbies, but there is probably none as unusual and as unique as the collection of street car and bus transfers. This hobby is somewhat related to stamp collecting, except for the fact that transfers do not have cash value and the hobby is restricted to amateurs.

Peridromophily (there—is that a new word for your vocabulary?), as transfer collecting is scientifically called, has followers in many sections of the world, all of them being over 16 years of age. There is at least one in practically every large American city and one in Germany, Austria, Egypt, and the Philippine Islands.

There is in transfer collecting a great variety to be found. For example, over 300 different transfer forms are issued in New York city alone; over 200 in Philadelphia; about 800 in the state of Connecticut; and about 15 in Chicago.

Several of the attractions of the hobby are in the many beautiful colors and hues to be found, the many different types of transfers, and the surprising amount of information obtainable from them on cities and their transit facilities.

A new bit of politics in New York, a subway opening in Boston, a real estate development in Chicago or Los Angeles, and many similar matters, all are to be found reflected in the transfer forms that a collector can piece together.

Mr. William M. Nash of Minnesota has been an ardent collector for many years and has a collection of more than 7,000 different varieties.

Prospective collectors need not reside in cities in order to form a collection. They may write to co-operative traction companies, who are always willing to send a few of their forms. The duplicates may be traded to collectors throughout the land.

A catalogue, consisting of 20 pages of photographic reproductions of over 300 transfers of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Arkansas, has been issued and is on sale.

Two monthly publications are devoted exclusively to transfer collecting. *The Transfer Collectors of America*, one of the papers, is located at 1644 S. 61 Ct., Cicero, Illinois. *The Peridromophile*, the other paper, may be reached at 112 W. 119 St., New York, N. Y.

## Newspapers, Magazines, Letters

### *Donates to Local Museum*

A COLLECTION of early American newspapers, numbering more than one hundred, and yellowed with age has been presented to the Souderton, Pa., museum by Clifford Springer of that city. Mr. Springer has made a hobby of collecting old newspapers ever since he was a boy. The gift to the museum embraces specimens of newspapers dating back to 1768 and down to the civil war period. Among the oldest and most interesting are:

A pre-Revolution copy of the Pennsylvania Gazette, printed in Philadelphia in 1768 and detailing agitation over the Stamp Act. It sold for ten shillings the copy.

A copy of the Pennsylvania Packet, printed in Philadelphia, 1788, price four pence. It contains advertisements for "Meat taken in to Smoak at lowest terms," for runaway slaves; a reward of six pence for a runaway apprentice boy, and a reward for the return of a three years' old boy taken by Indians.

A copy of Dunlap & Claypoole's American Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia, 1794, detailing proceedings of the first session of the Third Congress, George Washington, president.

A copy of the Connecticut Journal, New Haven, 1792, containing the address of John Langdon, president pro-tem of the Senate, to George Washington, first president of the United States, and President Washington's reply.

A copy of the Middlesex Gazette, Concord, Mass., 1820, containing proffer of a reward of one cent for the return of a runaway apprentice boy.

Copy of the Norristown Herald, 1813, advertising a "Slave, for sale," and offering a reward of six cents for the recovery of a sixteen year old girl who ran away from her mistress.

Copy of "Brother Jonathan," July 4, 1848, large and profusely illustrated.

Copy of the Picayune, New York City, 1858, describing the laying of the Atlantic cable.

### *First Chicago Newspaper*

The first newspaper published in Chicago which is now in the keeping of the Chicago Historical Society, was known as the *Cook County Democrat*.

It supported Jackson's administration; known as a "hard money paper" because it denounced wild-cat and other fictitious paper money. Because the needed supply of paper failed to arrive before the close of navigation, its publication was suspended from January 1 to May 20, 1835, with the exception of an issue January 21 and another on March 25. It appeared weekly to 1840, and daily, beginning February 24, 1840. It was a Democratic paper up to the time of the Kansas-Nebraska issue, but when the slavery question was again raised it assisted in the formation of the Republican party. On July 14, 1861, the *Democrat* was absorbed by the *Tribune*.

### *"The Moving Pencil Writes and—"*

On three large sheets of parchment Dr. Albert Einstein has written a summary of his relativity theory to date. An anonymous donor bought it, valued at \$25,000, and presented it to Yale University. The presentation was formal, with Dr. Einstein present, at the Manhattan bookshop run by Mrs. Joan Whitney Payson, daughter of the late Sportsman-tycoon Payne Whitney, and Mrs. Josephine Dodge Kimball, daughter of Marshall J. Dodge.

## Old Letters

The collecting of old and interesting letters is certainly a hobby that offers many angles for the collector.

A Chicago publisher preserves freak letters that he receives and pastes them in a scrapbook.

Another Chicago business man, whose name is Philip, has made a collection of letters in which his name is spelled with a double "l." His collection shows that

60 per cent of the time his name is spelled wrong.

The collecting of missives written by famous people, ardent lovers, are other hobbies which have their staunch advocates.

"I think *HOBBIES* is a great little magazine; the best I've ever seen in the field. Congratulations! And keep up the good work."—Bertram Robinson, South Carolina.

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### *Ten Dollars Paid for Letter in Pony Express Days*

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It was not uncommon in the gold-rush days of California for miners far up in the hills to pay as high as \$10 for the delivery of a single letter, says *Popular Mechanics Magazine*. Carriers took big bags of mail on their backs or by dog sled into some of the mining camps. Jerry Green, according to legend, once "packed" 601 pounds of letters as he trudged on foot from Nevada City to camps on the high divide. Interesting relics of the early days of the mail service

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### *Reminiscent of War Days*

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In London particularly there seems to be a stimulus in the buying and selling of old letters. A letter written by Mary A. Brown, widow of John Brown, American civil war abolitionist, realized 21 shillings at a recent auction in that city. The letter bore the date 1860 and thanked the addressee for clothing and concluded: "When will the oppression cease and the love of God prevail?"

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### *Faded Letter of Thomas Jefferson's Purchased for \$23,000*

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Though it is no longer news, the story of the sale of a faded letter written by Thomas Jefferson and purchased for \$23,000 by Dr. A. S. Rosenbach, art collector, will no doubt always be of interest.

The letter was found in a battered old trunk in the home of Mrs. Raleigh Minor, Charlottesville, Va. It supplied the missing link to a collection of letters written by signers of the Declaration of Independence,

### *\$11,000 for Penn Letter*

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A letter written by William Penn to Robert Spencer, Earl of Sunderland, in 1683 was sold to a dealer a few years ago for \$11,000. The letter described at great length the new colony of Pennsylvania.

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### *\$1,650 for John Keats' Letter*

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A letter written by John Keats in 1818 brought \$1,650 at a recent auction sale in London. The poet wrote of an illness, saying: "It is my own fault for exposing myself to the weather contrary to medical orders."

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### *Refused Free Entry*

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For those who are expecting to import or export old letters perhaps this information recently condensed from the press may be of interest:

A volume of original autographed letters, one of each of the former Presidents of the United States from George Washington to Calvin Coolidge, with typewritten transcripts of their contents, short biographical sketches of the writers, and five painted miniatures on ivory of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt inlaid on the inside of the back cover of the leather binding was held dutiable as a book under the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1922 by the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. The decision was announced in the case of *United States v. Tice & Lynch, Inc.*, No. 3297.

The compilation, it was explained, was assessed for duty at the port of New York at 25 per cent ad valorem under the provisions for all other books, not specially provided for. The importer protested, claiming that it was free of duty as manuscripts.

It was shown at the trial, the opinion states, that the matter was collected in the United States and taken to Europe and there bound in "full French Levant double" in book form. The court below held that it was not a book and was, accordingly, entitled to free entry.

This decision was, however, overruled on the ground that the article was more than manuscripts, bound or otherwise; that it was a book within the common acceptance of that term.

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# Stamp Collecting

Last month the stamp department carried 16 pages of reading matter and advertising. This month 24 pages. And next month with the support of contributors and advertisers we hope to make the 32-page mark.



## *The Sport of a King*

King George, who possesses one of the finest collections of stamps in the world, has just made another important acquisition, on this occasion being a collection of Australian commonwealth stamps formed by J. R. W. Purves of Melbourne. The price paid is said to be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The king's collection which is housed in a special room in Buckingham palace, is as much of a hobby with him today as it was when he was a young boy. When in residence at Buckingham Palace he spends several hours each week examining his collection. He is also nearly always an exhibitor at important stamp exhibitions.

## *Can Your City Produce a Better Record?*

Windom, situated in the southern part of Minnesota, is a village with a population of approximately 2,500. It makes the boast that one out of every hundreds of its citizens is a stamp collector. There are few cities that can equal or excel this record.

## *New Issues*

A new two cent stamp in 1932 bearing the only authentic likeness of William Penn will be issued if agitation started for such an issue by Albert Cook Meyers, Philadelphia historian and foremost authority on the life of this illustrious Quaker comes to fruition.

The year 1932 is selected because it would be the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the landing of Penn in Philadelphia from his ship *Welcome*.

## *Stevenson Saved Stamps*

Robert Louis Stevenson was apparently a member of the coin collecting family. This passage from "The Wrecker," written in collaboration with Lloyd Asburne says, "I fancy Uncle William must have begun the collection himself and tired of it, for the book (to my surprise) was quite respectably filled. There were the varying shades of the English penny, Russia with the coloured heart, old undecipherable Thurn-und-Taxis, obsolete triangular Cape of Good Hopes, Swan Rivers with the swan, and Guianas with the sailing ship."

## *Birthday*

Birthdays of famous personages help the collector in his quest for the unusual, or that with a touch of sentiment.

A batch of letters bearing the post mark "Lincoln, Ill., Feb. 12," went out from that office in response to requests received by Postmaster James Corwine for Mail dispatched on Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary. This is a yearly custom, but the demand was greater this year than ever before.

### Peace Stamps

The republics of Haiti and Santo Domingo, although close neighbors, are usually quite unfriendly. Haiti occupies only 10,204 square miles of the island and its people resent the nearness of the Dominicans, as the people to the east are called.

In 1920 Haiti issued a series of stamps to designate peace. The issue of 1924 shows President Borno, Laferiere citadel, map of the West Indies and national palace.

In 1928 a stamp appeared showing a few branches from a coffee tree. In 1929 a stamp appeared to commemorate the signing of the frontier treaty between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

### Seals

Charles Lorenz, New York, collects penny tuberculosis Christmas seals, and has an array that is remarkable for its completeness.

### One King's Rival

Arthur Hind, a textile manufacturer and president of the Hind and Harrison Push Company, Utica, N. Y., has gained fame for his great stamp collection which is worth several million dollars.

There was a story out once, published in

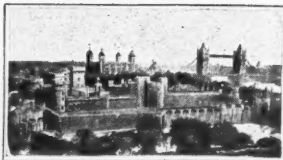
several newspapers, that Mr. Hind and King George of England bid against each other in Paris for a certain rare stamp. So they did, but the papers it is said, pointed to the wrong stamp. Mr. Hind paid the \$40,000 for a one-cent British Guiana stamp, the only one in existence, at a stamp-auction. Everybody wondered if the price stumped King George, and they will never believe that he never really wanted the British Guiana stamp now valued at more than \$100,000, at all.

Shortly after the auction, the king was heard to say to Mr. Hind, during a guest inspection of King George's famous collection (which is the best collection of English and colony stamps in the world), "it was you who took that stamp away from me at Paris?" He referred, however, to a certain so-called Oil River stamp, one of a series of three and the last one needed to complete the series. Mr. Hind generously offered the stamp to him, and the world would have it, because of the two incidents, he was giving away the most inexpensive stamp in existence.

Mr. Hind has been in the stamp collecting game for forty years. There isn't an angle to it he is not familiar with.

His collection of United States Stamps is the most complete in America and worth more it is said than any other collection of American stamps. Many of them are "in-

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verted" stamps, issues made accidentally with the heads upside down, which error the government would like to destroy but usually fails because collectors hoard them.

### *Ideas for Collectors*

There are many ideas governing collectors. I have heard of a collector who collects only stamps printed in black; another collects only one denomination of every issue; another collects stamps prior to 1900 and yet another collects only those of after 1900. Many confine their collecting to the United States, and some will include the colonies. A great many collectors confine their collections to a few varieties and they will collect hundreds of these stamps in singles, pairs, blocks and sheets, on covers, etc.

The late Dr. George Hetrich made a specialty of match and medicine stamps, and another prominent Reading manufacturer collected only Confederate "locals," which I understand he has recently sold at a high figure. And, by the way, I believe the finest collection of Confederate stamps is owned by King Faud, of Egypt.

I recently heard a little gossip about King Faud which was to the effect that when visiting England a few years ago he became tired of the numerous receptions and banquets and pleaded illness for a few days. These days were spent with King George, also an ardent collector, looking over the king's very wonderful collection of the stamps of Great Britain and her colonies. Even kings find in stamp collecting a relief from the affairs of state, and no doubt are able to throw aside for a few hours their responsibilities of deciding weighty matters.

It is said that King George during the great war notified some of the dealers with whom he did business to send no more stamps. From time to time, no doubt finding that he must have some relaxation.

JERE H. BARR, in  
*Reading, (Pa.) Eagle*

Plans for the annual stamp exhibition to be held in April were being made recently by enthusiastic Tacoma, Wash., stamp collectors, following the annual banquet of the Tacoma Philatelic society, held in the Tacoma hotel.

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Entering the reception hall, one passes into the sales department with its 50 feet of glass protected counter space and 12 comfortable chairs making selections of stamps or coins a pleasure.

Large stocks of the general varieties are carried together with a complete line of albums both domestic and imported. Accessories such as gauges, watermark detectors, etc., are available.

A feature of the show room is that no shelves or unsightly racks are in sight and all of the samples are carried under the

counters. Leaving the sales room on our way to the executive headquarters, we pass both No. 1 and No. 2 vaults and note a large twenty-eight volume collection from which want lists are filled.

The private office of which a picture is shown, is connected to a large Club room dedicated to the best loved man of Philately, the late Charles Severn. This room has an all glass roof, some 16 feet above the floor and accommodation for about 100 members. A large ventilating fan and automatic heating system keep it both cool in summer and the right temperature in winter.

On our way out we pass vault No. 3 in which surplus stock is carried and we are surprised at its size as well as its well filled shelves.

Mr. Picht showed us several volumes of real things in early issue stamps of both U. S. and foreign, and we doubt if they would not be able to fill close to 100 per cent of the ordinary want list. British Colonies stock is complete up to the high values and are all in super condition.

The further the cause of Philately, Mr. Picht, who is a member of the Rotary Club, is glad at all times to address clubs and so-



Norman Picht, Director of the De Soto  
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cities on the good points of stamp collecting, particularly on the advisability of a hobby for every one.

Associated with Mr. Picht is the genial, Tom Hunter, one of the old guard of stamp men.

### *Prominent Stamp Collector*

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt is an ardent stamp collector, so Mrs. Roosevelt said during a talk on hobbies not long ago. He is a member of the Collectors' Club in New York City. So also are ex-Senator Frelinghuysen, Congressman Ackerman. F. R. Harris, Theodore Steinway of piano fame, Charles Lathrop Pack and scores of other prominent persons.

### *From the Canadian Post Office Department*

The attention of this Department has been drawn to various advertisements in philatelic publications, offering to convey covers by air from Sydney, Nova Scotia, or some other point in Canada, to Saint John's, Newfoundland, and Saint Pierre, Miquelon, by a proposed aeroplane flight.

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### *London Convention*

The London International Stamp Dealer's Bourse for 1931, is to be held May 18th, 19th and 20th. The venue, as before will be the large and palatial King's Hall of the Holborn, conveniently situated at the junction of Kingsway, Southampton Row, New Oxford Street, and High Holborn.

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Bicolored stamps are being asked for the Olympic games by Representative Crail of California.

### *Stock Will Finance Coming "Stamp Fair"*

Collectors are incorporating for the success of the national stamp collectors' exhibition which is to be held in Memphis, Tenn., September 14.

The incorporators are Louis P. Wulff, Ellen Jorgensen and Charles W. Floyd, members of the Memphis Stamp Club. The new company has a capital stock of 500 shares.

The Memphis Stamp Club, operating under of auspices of the American Philatelic Organization has a membership of 30 stamp collectors while its subsidiary, the Junior Stamp Club, has 50 members.

The membership of both clubs is making extensive preparation for the national convention which will bring to Memphis a stamp collection that is said to exceed four million dollars in value.

### *An Unusual Situation*

A peculiar situation exists in the Union of South Africa where the natives have a written language. Although English is the official language many of the natives cannot speak or read anything but Afrikaans. To overcome this difficulty all public documents are printed in both languages.

In 1926, when the government issued a set of three values, the stamps were inscribed alternately throughout the sheet in English and Afrikaans. To the novice collector it may be puzzling to see an unsevered pair of these stamps as one is inscribed "Suidafrika," in the native language, and the other, "South Africa," in English.

### *A Good Way to Decorate*

A novel method of preserving stamps has been conceived by Mrs. Josephine Farrell of Massachusetts. Mrs. Farrell is more than sixty years old, and has been collecting stamps for thirty years. She pastes her stamps on her bedroom furniture instead of in an album.

### *Owns Card Written by Lost Aviator*

A postcard written by Lieut. William S. MacLaren, transatlantic flier apparently lost at sea, just before he and his companion Mrs. Beryl Hart, left Bermuda, is owned by Wilmer Schlafer, Wisconsin stamp collector. The card, dated at Bermuda on Jan. 8, has the message, "First stage—made more difficult than expected—a series of unfortunate accidents—next jump our big test—the last Azores to Paris will be easy. MacLaren."

Nothing has been heard of the two fliers who started out to make the first transatlantic commercial flight in history.

### *Plate Insured for \$10,000*

The original plate from which was printed one of the world's rarest postage stamps, the famous blue 2d. Mauritius of 1847, has been on view at the International Philatelic Exhibition in Berlin. The plate, originally made by a French watchmaker at Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius, for the sum of £10 was found many years later among the effects of a former colonial governor and sold for £2000.

The stamps were printed from the plate singly by hand and only 25 are known to be in existence, of which King George has three. These are the ones known as the "Post Office" Mauritius, as these words were engraved on the plate by mistake for "Post Paid." This is the first occasion on which the plate has been publicly exhibited.

It was insured for £5000 for its journey to and from Berlin.

### *Mussolini's Son*

Vittorio Mussolini, son of Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy, is editing a high school paper, "The Boy's Pen" and in this is a column devoted to philately.

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Cecil Lean, musical comedy star, has a billiard room in the White Mountains of New Hampshire which is papered from top to bottom with stamps from all countries.

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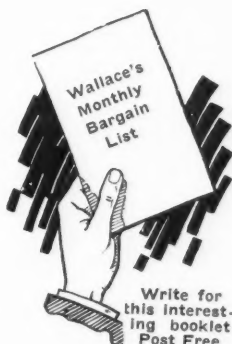
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The net sum of \$81.30 was realized, and it is very likely that the sum will be added to in the near future as several choice items did not bring the required prices and therefore will again be put "on the block."

**From the Marblehead, Mass.****Messenger**

During recent years there has been a great increase in stamp collecting and it is estimated that there are probably 2,000,000 people in the United States who now save postage stamps. Rarer issues are looked on as better than government bonds and the values and extent of the stamp business is astounding. There seems to be a considerable number of collectors in Marblehead and at least one owns the bi-colored stamp with the aeroplane printed upside down, a recent auction price of which was \$2,300.—*Walter C. Hunter.*

"I like this first issue of **HOBBIES** very much. Please advise me when my subscription expires."—*E. R. Trowant, Maine.*

**Fortune for Someone**

Do you have or know of a 1918 issue of 24-cent air mail stamps with the pictures of an airplane upside down?

Because 100 of these stamps are misprints they now have a market value of \$236,000, Washington philatelists claim. The original cost of the sheet was \$24.

The story of how these stamps have increased in value is recalled by the recent sale of one of them by Eugene Klein, Philadelphia stamp dealer for \$2,360.

Mistakes are seldom made or overlooked in the United States bureau of engraving and printing, but the figure of the airplane was small and no inspector noted what had happened to this one sheet of 100 stamps. The mistake was made because the sheet

went through the press twice, two colors, being used in the printing.

William T. Robey, a Washington stamp collector, on learning of the new issue, went to the New York avenue branch of the post office in Washington to buy some. When he inspected his purchase he noticed the inversion of the center design and, thinking the mistake would some day make the stamps rarities, bought the sheet for \$24.

He guessed correctly for news of the mistake soon became public and he was able to sell the sheet for \$15,000 to a Philadelphia collector, who in turn sold them for \$20,000 to Col. E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, who kept 20 of them and the rest were disposed of to various prized collections.

### Heavy Mail

Nearly 2,000 stamped and addressed envelopes were stacked up in the Chamber of Commerce offices in Wichita, Kansas awaiting the mailing on the first plane passing through Wichita for the Transcontinental Western Air inaugural of its twenty-four hours coast-to-coast mail schedule. Hundreds of letters were received at the Chamber of Commerce offices, enclosing self-addressed envelopes sent by stamp and air mail cover collectors from all over the country. Almost every state in the Union was represented.

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Included in the stamps used are some bearing the picture of General Pulaski, Polish officer; several commemorating the International Civil Aeronautics conference; Light's Golden jubilee issue of last year; a 2-cent stamp showing Valley Forge and bearing the dates 1778-1928; the George Rogers Clark 2-center, 1779-1929; another bearing the same dates commemorating the General Sullivan expedition; the Martha Washington 4-cent stamp; a 1-cent stamped envelope used on the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America and bearing the dates 1492-1892; a sesquicentennial exposition 2-center, 1776-1926; the Roosevelt 5-center and many others.

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Sometimes he gets a "tip" that a gold coin, very rare, is in the hands of a miner in Nevada. So he hops on a train and investigates personally, but usually it's a wild-goose chase for the coin turns out to be very common or the bird has flown before he arrives. But it's an exciting chase, he says.

## Did You Know That—

The Edison Company bought one-quarter million dollars worth of Edison stamps—enough to last them for a decade.

Skeezix in "Gasoline Alley" is now collecting postmarks.

## This Is a Man's World

Jere H. Barr, writer on stamps topics, made the following interesting statement before a club recently:

"The proportion of young girls and women who collect stamps is very small as compared with the young men but when the ladies do take up collecting I believe they are just as enthusiastic. I am well acquainted with a Philadelphia lady, who is 83 years of age, who cured herself of a nervous breakdown 15 years ago by taking up stamp collecting as a hobby. The last time I saw her she said that she frequently had to decide between buying a Spring hat or a postage stamp and the stamp usually won."

In the first volume of *The American Stamp Mercury*, published in Boston in 1867, Editor Trift states: "The first timbrophilic magazine published was the *Stamp Collector's Review*. The first number was issued on December 15, 1862, by Edward Moore & Co., at Liverpool, England. Nineteen numbers appeared."

### Stamp Worth \$2,500

An Indigo-colored one-cent stamp issued by the Government during the first years of the Civil War and now valued at \$2,500, is one of the many old family relics treasured by A. L. Hershner, of Missouri.

Mr. Hershner also has a letter and envelope frame under glass, written by a soldier at the front under date of December 12, 1861, and on this envelope is the stamp now valued so highly by collectors.

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A news story recently told how Charles Sumner Caswell, West Roxbury, Mass., U. S. had the government autograph his name by sending a letter with return address to the postmaster at Charles, S. C. This was subsequently forwarded to Sumner, Me., and to Caswell, N. C. When it was returned to the sender the three cancellation stamps spelled out his name.

It has been pointed out, that there are more postoffices by the names of Charles, Sumner, and Caswell, and that the stamp precancel enthusiast has just started for there are any number of towns in the United States with those names.

Frank I. Morse also of West Roxbury has some unusual precancels.

He says that his given name and surname have five letters each and that in the United States there are six postoffices named Frank and five with derivations of the name. There are also five named Morse and three with derivations. He has the cancellations of all nineteen.

But that, he says, is only a minor accomplishment. Inspiration for the job which took him once and for all out of the amateur class of postage cancellation collectors came with the close of the Massachusetts Bay tercentary celebration.

April 8, 1930, he says, the Boston post-office issued the first Massachusetts Tercentenary stamp. Subsequently they were issued throughout the Commonwealth. It occurred to Morse that it would be a good idea to secure the Tercentenary cancellations of all the cities and towns of the Massachusetts Bay, but as there are 200 offices in this area he thought it would be impossible.

He then decided that a collection of the Tercentary cancellations of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts from the Vermont to the Connecticut boundaries would make an interesting and an historical collection. He went to work in December of last year.

For a definite area, he selected a strip 10 miles wide on each side of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts. And from this area he secured cancellations from every listed postoffice. The collection shows cancellations on Dec. 1, 13, 23, and 30.

And on this record collection, Morse feels he is in a position to lean back, smile tol-

erantly and now and then hand out a few friendly suggestions to any who may set out to establish a record of some sort in this particular field of endeavor.

### A Gift of the Blind

It is not generally known that a blind man gave the world its postage stamp, says an article in *Popular Science Monthly*. In 1840, Sir Rowland Hill, head of Great Britain's postal service, suggested the idea which has since spread to all parts of the globe. The first American stamp appeared in 1847 and bore the portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

1931 will bring some startling publicity for the hobby stamp collection which may include, if rumor be true, an article on the U. S. commemoratives to appear in the famous millioned circulation of the "National Geographic" and another general story about the hobby in the popular leading weekly, "The Saturday Evening Post." In the meantime the stamp tales in the daily press are increasing with refreshing regularity. Akron, Ohio collectors recently had the pleasure of seeing a number of their stamp exhibits at one of their meetings reproduced in the Akron "Sunday Times" as part of a half page article and the St. Louis, Mo. "Globe Democrat" had a rattling good feature story in its edition of November 2nd based on the collection of Mrs. F. Humphrey Woolrich, the first woman member of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society. This article had the attractive heading "Stamp Collection Makes World Her Textbook" and asks three questions of its readers which if you can answer indicates you "know your stamps." The first question is—"Do you know that the Kooka burra or laughing jackass, an Australian bird, utters a weird sound similar to a human guffaw, before sunset?" We suppose you all can answer that one and know the bird when you see it. If you don't you had better get acquainted with Scott's No. 18 of Australia.

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Stamps of a pictorial and commemorative character have again been the most popular feature of the year's issues and have attracted many new collectors to the hobby. Air stamps have been issued in great variety during the past year, but so great is the interest shown in this section of philately that in many cases the demand is much greater than the supply. Air stamp prices are increasing rapidly, especially for some of the earlier flights.

Several countries issued special stamps in connection with the Graf Zeppelin flight, which proved very popular with aero en-

thusiasts. A notable issue that was much in demand was the United States series showing the airship at various stages of her flight.

Sales of postage stamps for collection purposes through the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department during the 1930 fiscal year were greater than for any previous year since the establishment of this agency, according to information made public at the Post Office Department January 13.

Total receipts from sales of stamps through this agency during the year were \$317,173.32, it was stated. This is nearly \$40,000 more than the receipts for the 1929 fiscal year, when sales were over \$275,000. The 1929 fiscal year in turn showed an increase of approximately 80 per cent over the 1928 fiscal year.

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"I fear that air mail stamps will have the fate which befell postal stationery, at one time in the catalogues. Covers are very bulky and the large number of unnecessary air issues must have a disastrous effect in the long run. I predict that flown covers and air stamps will form part of a specialized collection of any country."

Major Malcolm Campbell, English race driver who established a world's record at Daytona Beach during the early part of February, created quite a little stir by signing a dozen air-mail covers. The covers are all signed in a distinctly masculine manner. They bear five cent air-mail stamps, ten cent special delivery stamps, and are regulation air-mail envelopes. Ten of them are addressed to P. D. McIntosh, Lauringburg, N. C., while the other two are addressed to Dr. Ralph E. Stevens, Jacksonville, Fla.

Probably air-mail stamps and covers have suffered less in the general business depression than any other commodity. Certainly they have not fallen off as badly as stocks. The general depression, however, has been slightly felt. Business wizards tell us that the worst is behind us.

The Director of Posts and Telegraphs in the Sudan announces the impending issue of a limited number of ordinary Sudanese stamps of 10 millimes and 2 piatres respectively, overprinted "Air Mail," pending the advent of a definitive stamp for that purpose, and it is anticipated that these will be available early in January next. An order for a permanent set of four or five air mail stamps is about to be placed with the Washington Bureau of Engraving and Printing by the Post Office Department of the Canal Zone, a single design being common to all values, which will probably be ready for issue about March, 1931.

Newfoundland has added to philately interest in general by the recent issuance of

a set of air mail stamps. Herman Toas-pern, Manhattan stamp expert, collector and dealer, describes the stamps as follows:

"The new issue of air mail stamp for Newfoundland is one of the handsomest sets of air mail stamps that has been produced to date. The 15-cent stamp shows a dog team with an airplane overhead, (much mail in Newfoundland is carried over regular routes during the winter season by dog sleds, so the design is very appropriate).

"The 50-cent green shows a plane leaving St. John's with the first trans-Atlantic air mail. The dollar stamp is in a rich blue and shows the routes taken on famous flights that have passed over or started from Newfoundland. Newfoundland has some interesting air episodes in its history.

"The next recorded flight is that of Capt. John Alcock and Lt. A. W. Brown, who flew from Newfoundland to Ireland during June 1919 in less than 16 hours, landing in a bog. The next notable flight was that of Hawker and Grieve, who started May 16, 1919, from St. John's. They ran into storms and had radiator trouble and, after flying 1,050 miles alighted in the ocean near a small steamer, which rescued them. The boat on which they were brought safely into port had no radio, and for days both were given up for dead.

### LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT

"The next two flights recorded were those of Americans. The first was accomplished by Lt.-Commander Read in the naval plane N. C. 4, who flew from Newfoundland to Portugal, stopping at the Azores.

"Of course the Lindbergh flight is recorded. Lindbergh flew from New York by way of Newfoundland following the Great Circle route and was the first American flier to jump from the United States to Europe in a single hop.

### WESTWARD CROSSING

"The Italian flier De Pineado's journey is partly recorded, his being the famous four-continent flight, having flown over Europe, Africa, South America and the United States. His trip was an eventful one and included the destruction of his plane at Roosevelt Dam. He again crossed the Atlantic in a new plane and returned victoriously to Rozie.

"The flight of Koehl and Fitzmaurice is a record of the first westward crossing of the Atlantic from Ireland to the Greenly Islands, and the less publicised flight of Kingsford-Smith, who started from the same place and landed at Harbor Grace.

"In passing it is interesting to note that the plane which carried Koehl and Fitzmaurice, the Bremen, still is on exhibition in the Grand Central Terminal Manhattan."

For franking a limited air mail dispatched from Brussels to the Belgian Congo by the aviators Van Linder and Flery, a special printing of the existing 5f. air stamp of Belgium was made in purple, instead of the normal carmine colour, the letters receiving in addition a distinctive cancellation.

The Italian Government is preparing a commemorative air stamp of 7.70L. to be on sale for one month only from the date of the departure of the flotilla of super flying-boats which is to undertake a Transatlantic flight from Rome to Rio de Janeiro. Details, however, of the design, etc., are lacking at the moment.

Among the interesting air stamps is an emergency issue for the mandated territory of South-West Africa, in the form of the contemporary 4d. and 1s. air mail vignettes for local circulation by the addition of the letter "S. W. A" in bold black capitals, applied by the Government printer at Pretoria. It is understood that only a limited number of these provisional air stamps has been created, pending the arrival of some definite types now being prepared in London, and showing an aeroplane in flight over town of Windhoek. They will be employed in connection with the projected air post service.

There is in the possession of the Royal Ontario Museum a fine specimen of the most rare New Brunswick stamp, an 1851 one-shilling, presented by the American Philatelic Society. The stamp, valued at \$300. is violet in color and has a design as a crown surrounded by roses, thistle, and shamrock.

### Notes From the Air

The huge 785-foot dirigible at Akron, Ohio is at last receiving the finishing touches. Sympathize with the poor postmaster when the airbird starts on its flight.

—O—

About 13,000 letters were carried on the first shore-to-ship mail on the Pacific, which took place in January, 1931. The covers bear a fac-simile of the pilot's autograph, a pretty green cachet, the received cancellation of the ship, and were postmarked in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 28, 1931.

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In 1930 to frank mail to be carried by the Graf Zeppelin on its Europe-Pan American flight our government issued three stamps of rectangular shape, one of sixty-five-cent value, one of \$1.30 value, and one of \$2.60 value. The sixty-five cent stamp illustrates the giant ship over the ocean; the \$1.30, between Europe and America; and the \$2.60 shows the Zepp encircling the globe. These are printed in shades of green, brown, and blue respectively, and will, no doubt, become very valuable stamps in days to come. This flight started from Friederichshafen, Germany, thence to Seville, Spain, Rio de Janeiro and Pernambuco, Brazil; Lakehurst, N. J., then back to Seville, Spain, finally returning to Germany.

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### A Coming Event

A direct air mail and trade route to China and Japan through Alaska and Russia is the next big objective of the postoffice department. Mutual operation of this route by Canada and the United States is the aim of both countries. This information was brought back to Washington by Assistant Postmaster General Glover after a conference with Canadian air mail officials.

The postoffice department of both countries has given the proposed line to the Far East careful study. Such a route, Mr. Glover believes, "would be in keeping with the world-wide trend of the air mail, now that regular transatlantic service is definitely contemplated.

The extreme cold would not deter the aviators, Mr. Glover thinks, as "Canada is now flying the mails at 20 degrees below zero, when there is six feet of snow on the ground, more night flying and less delays than we have."

### From the Press

The inverted airplane stamp of 1918 has gone skyrocketing again. This time the price is said to be within \$200 of its catalogue value. This stamp has had quite a notorious experience since it was discovered in a Washington postoffice thirteen years ago.

Purchased by a clerk employed by a brokerage firm, an entire sheet of the then current twenty-four cent air mail stamp was found to have the center inverted. Realizing that he had made a very valuable find the clerk began to look for a buyer. Within a week the entire sheet of 100 stamps was sold for \$20,000. That is when its history began.

It has been increasing in value in leaps and bounds every year since its discovery. A resident of Delaware county purchased a copy of this stamp for a little more than \$1,000 just about a year ago. This was the highest price ever paid for the stamp up until that time. Now word comes from Philadelphia that a single copy has been purchased for almost its full catalogue value of \$2,500, an increase of approximately \$1500 in a year. And that is not the end. There is an indication that this stamp,

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The stamp brought \$715 from the Berkshire Exchange, Conn. In all, 671 individual stamps, or lots, were knocked down by auctioneer Walter S. Scott, principally to about two dozen dealers and a few individual philatelists gathered in Room 942 of the Woolworth Building. Heretofore Hawker stamps, catalogued at a retail value as high as \$1,5000, have brought around \$1,000 from dealers, it was said. The stamp was the three-cent denomination, inscribed "Newfoundland Trans-Atlantic Air Post, April, 1919."

Numerous South American and Zeppelin flight stamps were included in the collection.

The rarity of the Hawker stamp was increased by the fact that many were lost when the flyers were rescued by a Danish tramp steamer. Probably the rarest stamp in existence is the "post-office" issue from Mauritius, a small island owned by Great Britain in the Indian Ocean about 500 miles east from Madagascar. Such stamps are said to be worth \$30,000 each. The island was the home of the extinct dodo bird.

**New Issues**

After a good bit of conflicting advance information, a very pretty set of eight new air post values is at hand from Czechoslovakia. The 50h, green, and 1kr, red, are small size stamps showing a monoplane flying over rather barren country. The other values are large horizontal oblongs, and one of three designs, the 2 kr, dark green, and 3 kd, violet brown, show a large biplane speeding over rivers and mountains; the 4 kr, dull blue, and 5 kr, red brown, picture the biplane coming out of a lovely bank of clouds. The 10 kr, ultramarine, and

20 kr, gray, are more elaborately designed; on these a huge monoplane hovers over the spires of Prague and its Hradcany hill crowned by Castle and Cathedral. The stamps are not only finely engraved but very attractive as well.

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Italy issued a new air post commemorative stamp for the transatlantic cruise of the hydroplane squadron which flew from Italy to Brazil. The stamp is a horizontal oblong, blue, value 7,011, showing hydroplanes in flight over the ocean with the Southern Cross in the sky. The inscription reads "Ia Crociera Aera Transatlantica, Roma-Rio De Janeiro, Gennaio, 1931-A-I-E-F."

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Belgium has issued a new 5 franc air post stamp for the special flight of Aviators Vanderlinden and Fabry from Brussels to Belgium Congo carrying 200 pounds of letters and cards. The design is the same as the present 5fr Air Post No. 534, showing an airplane view of Brussels with a huge monoplane over the Palace of Justice. The new stamp is dark violet in color, and there has been but 40,000 of them printed. After the number needed for the special mail was used the remainder were placed on sale in Brussels and sold one to a customer.

*Plainfield, (N. J.) Courier News.*

Australia proposes to issue a special air post stamp in commemoration of the exploits of Air Commodore Kingsford-Smith, showing his aeroplane the Southern Cross surmounting the two hemispheres.

Aero Philatelists as an organized body have joined regular stamp collectors and are publishing a digest in Fenton, Mich., according to Postmaster P. G. Lucus of San Antonio, Tex. Special stamps have been requested for the Bi-Centennial celebration period in March, for both air mail and regular mail. The request has not yet been acted upon by the government.

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The story is told of one, Fred S. Raff, Chicago, who began his stamp collecting work when a lad, and who at the end of 30 years in that particular hobby sold his collection for \$50,000.

Raff, who specialized in United States precancelled stamps, had about 8,000,000 stamps in his collection. He estimated that they cost him around \$10,000 in cash.

He began buying bags of pre-canceled stamps, which later grew to tons. At one time he bought five tons. It took him several years to assort them in his spare time. The valuable ones he kept, the others he sold to dealers for boys' packets.

issues of stamps, on the older varieties there is a wide difference in values. Usually green cancellations are usually much scarcer than blue, although ultra marine is very scarce. Black is of course most frequently used except on the 1847 issue, where red and blue cancellations are more common than black.

I believe the government prefers that postmasters use black cancellations, but occasionally on special occasions other colors are permitted. Much of the Zeppelin mail bears a green cancellation, and Cleveland and other cities during philatelic conventions have been permitted other colors."

### *Systematic Collecting*

*By H. S. DICKEY*

### *Unusual Stamps*

"There is a field open to the boys and girls in the collection of odd cancellations," says Jere H. Barr, Stamp enthusiast and writer, "Wouldn't you like to have a letter cancelled 'Santa Claus, Indiana; or from Bug, Kentucky; or Ed, Kentucky; or Bell, California? You will be surprised if you have access to the mail of some office or store to find the variety of cancellations which the government permits. There are Red Cross designs, and 'Mail your Christmas letters early,' and waves, and railroad cancellations, and express and steamboat. On a trip South several years ago I mailed a letter home with an ordinary two cent stamp and was surprised to find upon my return a green cancellation of the United Fruit Line steamship 'Santa Maria' which now reposes in my collection.

"Occasionally colored cancellation are found. A great deal of the Boy Scout mail from Indiandale last year was canceled in purple by the Vinemont Post Office, and I have found greens and blues and reds and purples. Sinking Spring has frequently used a red cancellation and I have also seen the same color from Birdsboro.

### *Great Differences in Values*

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The reason some collectors sometimes get discouraged in collecting precancels is because they start to cover the whole U. S. at one shot and they get strung out over too big a territory. Now I collect from all states; but I collect in a systematic manner, by taking a group of states, just like we studied Geography at school; ie the Central States comprise one group, the Eastern States another, the Southern States the third group and the Western States the fourth group. Of course after I have gotten all that any person could possibly expect in certain period of time of any one group together, then I start in on my next group and in this manner I have the pleasure of some new states to turn to all the time. If I can pick up any odds and ends of other states I do so and simply hold them in reserve till I start mounting up the states later on.

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### Here's One

Cancellation fans, here's one for you. Foraker, Okla., is out with a new cancellation that is keen. It's somewhat hard to describe, but it is a double-lined circle, and the obliterating part is six parallel lines, composed of minute four-leaf clovers.

### Loss

Robbers Broke into the place of business of J. J. Hoffman of Evans City, Pennsylvania, recently and carried out nothing but stamps. These discriminating thieves took four albums containing Mr. Hoffman's Precancel collection, which was strong in Bureau prints, ordinaries and coils. One album was complete in Pittsburgh and strong in other Penn cities. Any information or clue which may lead to the recovery of these stamps should be wired to Mr. Hoffman promptly.

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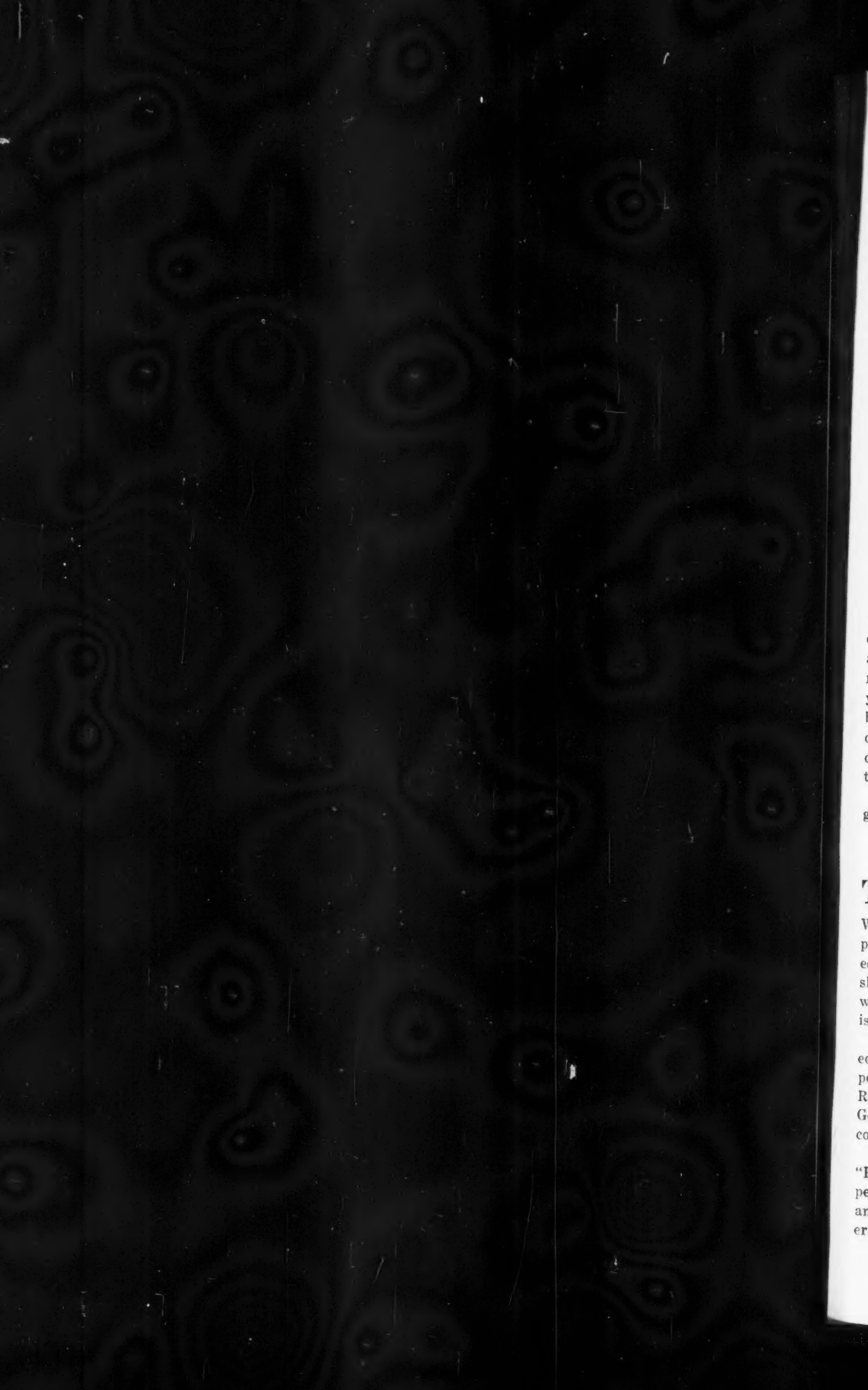
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# Mostly About Books

## *Some Business Rules*

"BOOK collecting," says a well-known bibliophile, "requires more than enthusiasm. In order to make your hobby a success you must apply a few fundamental business rules; system, forethought, and knowledge. Make an effort to gain as much information as possible about books. Just like stock market advice—buy when the market is low. Sell the books which you have bought unwisely or which no longer please your widening views. However, don't sell merely for the sake of selling. If you are forced to part with a volume, try to sell it at a profit.

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## *A Barometer*

THE increase in the price of rare books indicates that prosperity has returned. Wealthy book collectors who think little of paying \$1,000 to \$50,000 for desirable first editions of books when business is good shyly withdraw in times of depression with the result that the rare book business is a thing of fancy rather than fact.

Two years ago a perfect copy of the first edition of Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers" in parts brought \$28,000 at auction. Recently at the sale of the library of B. George Ulizio of Pine Ridge, N. J., another copy brought \$13,000.

Like a quotation on the stock market, "Pickwick Papers" had been deflated fifty per cent, but still \$13,000 is a sizable amount to pay for a book and was considered higher than would have been obtained

a year ago. In all, the Ulizio library realized \$60,724 for 1,100 books, an average price of \$55.

That business is on the upgrade is indicated in the flourishing of expensive new book shops. Miss Barbara Barnes, debutante of 1929, has opened a book shop with the cheapest book listed at \$1,000.

"No item of lesser value than \$1,000 will be offered at any time and the book shop will stand behind every offering, guaranteeing its authenticity in order that the lucky purchaser may have no misgivings about having invested wisely and safely," says the announcement from the shop with which the society girl will be associated.

That one bookseller has faith that the pocketbooks of rich collectors are being opened again is attested by the listing of a first folio of Shakespeare in a London catalog at £18,000 or approximately \$90,000. Three hundred years ago the stout volume called "Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories & Tragedies, Published According to the True Originall Copies," could be had for a guinea. Today perfect copies are scarce. The book offered in London lacks several "points," the catalog noting, however, that "even imperfect copies are now practically unobtainable."

Virtually all of the known copies of the first folio and other early editions of Shakespeare's works are in American and English libraries and the collections of rich bookmen.

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## *\$8,000,000 Invested in Books*

MR. A. EDWARD NEWTON, of Philadelphia, who wrote "The Amenities of Book Collecting," has, it is said, a great fireproof room about 40 by 60 feet in size in which he keeps his valuable manuscripts and first editions. Their value is said to be about \$8,000,000 and the collection includes such items as two of Charles Lamb's letters to Miss Kelly, a Gutenberg Bible, presentation copies of Dicken's, a copy of R. L. S. "A Child's Garden of Verses," with

Stevenson's handwriting interspersed with the type on the title page, and numerous other treasures. Mr. Newton is still collecting, because he believes in his hobby. A recent newspaper interview quotes him as saying that every young man should have a hobby, preferably two, one for outdoors and the other for indoors.

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### Two Interesting Pieces

**MR. O. N. BLANKENBECKLER**, of Virginia, has two interesting old books; one printed in 1792 is a collection of narrative pieces with "an introduction to Geography, written in short, easy sentences to be written in and committed to memory by children." The other, printed in 1813, is titled, "A Guide to Christ; or the way of directing souls that are under the work of conversion. Compiled for the help of young ministers and may be serviceable to private Christians, who are inquiring the way to Zion. The latter book has a preface by Dr. Increase Mather.

**A COPY** of the first issue of "Pickwick Papers" with a fragment of the original autograph manuscript by Charles Dickens brought \$13,000 at an auction of the library of George Ulizio, of Pine Valley, N. Y. This book, said to be one of fourteen "prime" copies still in existence, formerly belonged to the late George Barr McCutcheon. It was bought by Jerome Brooks, dealer in rare books. At this same auction, which was held at the American Art Association-Anderson Galleries, Inc., Mr. Brooks also acquired the complete first American edition of "Pickwick Papers" in Paris for \$2,500, and a complete copy, in parts, of "The Library of Fiction." At this same sale, also, Barnet J. Beyer paid \$1,400 for a copy of the first octavo edition of Dickens' "The Adventures of Oliver Twist" in the original parts, and \$875 for a copy of the first edition, in parts, of "The Personal History of David Copperfield."

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**L**EGAL victory came to a bibliophile recently, when the Court of Appeals handed down a decision upholding a verdict of the Superior Court of Baltimore in favor of Abram J. Mallick, which resulted in his collecting \$75,000 from the Sun Insurance Office, Ltd., of London, for the loss of what he claimed were manuscripts of the original "Seven Books of Moses." When Mr. Mallick contracted with the insurance company to insure the sheepskin manuscripts for \$75,000 in 1927, a clause in the policy stated that the contract would become void if the facts were in any way misrepresented. The assured notified the insurance company, on February 10, 1928, that the manuscripts had been stolen and asked payment of the entire amount of the policy. The insurance company, charging that certain facts were misrepresented, refused to pay the claim. But the Superior Court, after a long trial, finally awarded the verdict which resulted in Mr. Mallick's collecting the full amount claimed.

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**A**N article by A. S. Malvern in *The Saturday Evening Post*, recently told the thrills and rewards that come from collecting "association" books, which are perhaps the rarest and most highly prized in every collector's library. "The inscription that distinguishes each 'association' book from every other book in existence," says Mr. Malvern, "is one which contain corrections and additions by the author, usually for a subsequent edition. The happy owner of such a book has in effect a reserved seat in the author's workshop. These occurs to me the dreamlike example of a first edition of Fitzgerald's 'Rubaiyat' with the additional

quatrains of the three later editions inserted in the translator's autograph. Next in importance among association books are dedication copies. Here is a charming example from the recent catalogue of a New York dealer: 'Robert Louis Stevenson, Underwoods. Original cloth, London 1887. First edition. On the blank leaf preceding the flyleaf is the following inscription in ink: 'Dear Dr. Brandt, You may like to glance at the dedication. Yours, R. L. S.' This book was dedicated to Dr. Brandt.' Other association books owe their interest and value to persons entirely apart from the authors. Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote his name in his copy of "Dr. Butler's Atlas of Ancient History and Geography" and simultaneously advanced its value to \$40.00. The creator of 'Alice in Wonderland' jotted down his initials in a copy of one of F. E. Anstie's 'On the Uses of Wines in Health and Disease.' and this book, might have done duty in Lewis Carroll's cupboard or medicine chest, is priced at \$375.00."

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**A**LL book collectors know by this time that the original manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland" finally sold for \$150,000.

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A copy of the Martin Luther edition of the Bible, printed in 1653 at Nuremberg, Germany, is owned by John E. Wirtner of Rochester, N. Y. The book weighs 20 pounds and is fastened by hand-made brass clasps. Wirtner brought it from Germany in 1870.

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### *Spirited Bidding*

The Chicago Book and Art Auction, Inc., of Chicago, holding monthly auctions, of Americana and fine art editions, report spirited mail and floor bidding on the fine items contained in their auction catalogues. They are glad to put interested book lovers and collectors on their catalog mailing list.

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### *Collects Literature Pertaining to World War*

**J**OSEPH BROADMAN, M. D., of New York City, who has been collecting material pertaining to the World War has, probably, one of the finest assemblages of its kind, representing every shade of official and unofficial public opinion on the war and its problems in many languages. He says:

"There are still many people who have some literature, in various quantities, on the subject of the world war. Sooner or later such material gets in the way and, having no real use for it, and no want for preserving it, the owners destroy or throw it away. Unless such records are properly cared for they soon perish and future generations are left in comparative dark as to these stirring events.

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### *Premium for Last Issue*

**T**HE final edition of the New York Morning World was sold at a premium. News-stand operators boosted their prices to 10 or 15 cents. One dealer in the Grand Central area was asking a dollar. Few copies were available.

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### *Largest Shakespearean Collection*

**T**HE annual report of the library of Congress disclosed that the great Shakespearean collection of Henry C. Folger will be transferred to a new building near the Capitol and will eventually be dedicated to the public.

Mr. Folger's library consists of 80,000 volumes of Shakespeare and includes one-sixth of all the remaining first folios of the Avon dramatist's work. Mr. Folger, who lives in New York, will build the building. His collection of Shakespeare is one of the largest in the world and in rarities it is among the most distinguished, the report said.

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### *An Old Geography*

**M**RS. PULVER of Racine, Wis., recently presented the Burlington Historical Society with a geography printed in London in 1822. The book is the second volume of a two-volume set and contains 1,105 pages. According to the book itself it is "a new

and elegant publication, printed for Thomas Kelly, No. 17 Paternoster Row, London, and sold by most booksellers and vender of publications in the British Empire.

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### *Distinguished Book Collectors*

**D**R. A. S. W. ROSENBACH, in an address before the New Jersey Library Association, at Atlantic City, recently, gave his estimate of the presidents of the United States as book collectors. Only four presidents were collectors of importance: Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Hoover. Washington was a true collector, owning the best editions of his favorite authors. John Adams had one of the largest libraries in the Colonies, but the lighter side of literature was lacking. Jefferson was a book collector in the full sense of the word. He gathered a large, interesting and valuable library, spending much time and money in bringing it together. President Hoover is the greatest book collector since Jefferson. He has an unusual faculty in delving into the out of the way, in searching for material not readily accessible. He resembles Jefferson in that on all his journeys he gathered volumes that in time would be valuable to students. Thus, when President Hoover was in China, in 1889, he gathered a most comprehensive collection of books in many languages on China and the Chinese people, which he gave to Stanford University, to form the nucleus of the great Chinese library there. The Hoover War Library at Stanford University is a monument to his diligence and foresight as a collector. He gathered all through the war every document, pamphlet, proclamation, periodical or broadside relating thereto, which in time will be foundation material for the history of the great contest. This great library is in many respects unique among the war libraries of the world, being specially strong in original source material.—Frederick M. Hopkins in *The Publishers' Weekly*.

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### *Searching for Americana*

**T**HE collecting of first editions of American books has always lagged far behind the collecting of English works, but within recent years the fine printing on this side and the renewed interest in American literary beginnings have revived the search for old American books. We now

have the added testimony of an English bookman, Richard Curle, that this is important, and in 'Collecting American First Editions: Its Pitfalls and Its Pleasures', he has outlined the subject with much detail." "Among the New Books" by Harry Hansen in *Harper's Magazine* for February.

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### Books for Collectors

**C**OLLECTORS' enthusiasms are sometimes hard for non-collectors to understand or sympathize with. For example. Sir Hubert Wilkins, who is preparing an undersea expedition to the North Pole, is going to write in advance a story of the project. Twenty-nine copies of this book will be taken on the submarine, Nautilus, and will be autographed by Wilkins when the party reaches the icy waters under the North Pole. The copies will cost \$600 apiece. They will go like hot cakes, and their value doubtless will soar.

Money has to be raised somehow for such expeditions. Yet this particular method seems, to a person not thrilled by "collect-

ing," to contain considerable hokey and bunk. If the book account is interesting in itself it should be worth reading and perhaps owning. Its ride beneath the surface of the polar sea won't enhance its literary value. If the book isn't interesting, how will it be improved by its voyage?

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Among the new books just published is a limited edition of Pichard Curle's "Collecting American First Editions" numbering 1,250 signed copies; published by Bobbs-Merrill. It is an interesting and exhaustive compilation of data on major items of Americana.

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A first edition of Dreiser's *Sister Carrie* fetched \$280 at an auction recently.

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**SPRING** housecleaning fever this year will result in the destruction of several hundred thousand dollars' worth of valuables.

The valuables will be books. The destroyers probably never will know that the "items" they burn, throw away or give to the junkmen, have value to collectors.

Hidden away in attics, in basements, in trunks, among piles of rubbish, are books, pamphlets broadsides and manuscripts, which might bring a king's ransom in the book marts.

Many important bibliographical finds have been turned up during housecleaning. At the same time diligent housewives have destroyed hundreds of rare and valuable books, largely through ignorance of their worth.

There's Edgar Allan Poe's "Tamerlane," for instance. Poe published this himself in a small edition in Boston in 1827. Legend has it that he destroyed most of the edition, but that is no certainty. A number of books may have found their way into circulation.

To date, however, not more than six have come to light, thus establishing "Tamerlane" at \$25,000 as America's most valuable first edition.

Outside of such rarities as the Gutenberg Bible, which easily brings \$150,000, or a first folio of Shakespeare, which has been cheap at \$90,000, and a rare Dickens or two the chief collecting interests in America today is Americana—rare books, pamphlets, maps, manuscripts dealing with the early American scene.

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# NUMISMATICS



## *Kept Coins in Cans*

Several cans of old coins were recently found in the home of the late Elihu Russell, of New York State. Russell has a hobby of collecting rare coins, and he had bequeathed his collection supposed to be valued at several thousand dollars to a local high school, with the provision that a burglar vault must be built to hold them. When only a comparatively few coins were found, supplementing those in the safe deposit box in the bank, it was suspected that others would be found hidden about the house, so a search was made.

## *Rare Collection of Gold Dollars*

Arthur Brookins, of Maine, makes a specialty of collecting gold dollars and already has nearly 1200 different pieces in his possession. All are rare and interesting and among the several smaller collections which make up the lot is an assortment of eleven gold dollars, a coin no longer minted.

The issue of 1853 of California gold in octagon shape is one of the most interesting. He has two of these and one has eight stars. Another is the 1922 centennial of Grant's birth and portrays his birthplace. In 1903 a Jefferson head piece was issued for the celebration of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and this coin Mr. Brookins has secured for his collection. He also has the coin issued in 1915 for the Panama Exposition.

In addition he has the only two and a half dollar gold pieces minted, the Panama Pacific Exposition coin of 1915 and the Sesqui-Centennial of 1776-1826.

## *A Valued Gift*

The Nevada State Historical Society has recently been the recipient of a valuable collection of German coins and rare documents of the Old World. In the group, are coins and currency issued by German cities

during the World War, as well as a variety of Postage Stamps of the war period.

Two coins of the period of the reign of Constantius the Great, emperor of Rome from 324 to 337 A. D. are also included, and a Roman coin found by recent excavations at Pompeii. There is likewise a piece of red tile from the city, and lava from Vesuvius which destroyed Pompeii in 79 A. D.

There are also Latin prayer books, bound in pigskin, bearing the dates 1585 and 1609. Tile from the floor of Hadrian's villa near Rome, and from the floor of a room in Julius Caesar's home are included in the gift, and marble from an ancient Roman palace.

Leo Galitski, of Reno, who has traveled extensively abroad, personally collected the curios and donated them to the Society.

## *Orphan Annies*

In the March number of *HOBBIES*, on page 65, you printed an article from the Lowell, Mass. Sun, on Rare Coins. An excerpt from this reads:

"There is for example a dime of some year in the 1840s which is quite valuable, although dealers would not offer anything substantial over the face value for any other ten-cent piece of that decade. There is no reason for this that is known, since the issue of that year was not abnormally small."

This evidently refers to the famous 1844 dime, popularly known as Orphan Annie. With a mintage of 72,500 the 1844 dime should be extremely plentiful but instead it is very scarce, in fact, rare. The cause of the premature disappearance of practically the entire issue is a mystery of numismatics. Several answers to the question "What became of the 1844 dimes?" have been offered, professional and legendary, but none have been accepted, as final as they all lack proof. It may be that they were re-melted at the mint; a common custom in the early days or improperly alloyed, making them "soft" and an easy prey for friction. It may be that they were lost in

a shipwreck. No one knows for a certainty. Should you happen to have one of these little orphans in your collection, you should treat the waif with great consideration, for the little stray is one of the anomalies of the coinage world.

—Frank C. Ross, Mo.

### *Hobby Founded Banking House*

"Collectors' hobbies often lead to happy endings, says the *New York Sun*. For instance a hobby led to the founding of the great banking house of Rothschild. It all came about because as a little boy Meyer Amschel Rothschild had a passion for collecting odd coins. This was not unnatural, for his father was a money changer, and whenever some unusual piece of money came his way he saved it for the little boy. As the boy grew, his collection grew.

"Now it appears that in Frankfort where Meyer Amschel lived in the Ghetto, there lived also the great and pompous William of Hesse, Elector of Hanover. He was a collector of coins too. One day when the Elector could not find a certain old coin for his coffers, the son of the humble money lender, Meyer Amschel Rothschild had it. They began to trade coins. Slowly their mutual interest bridged the gap which separated the Ghetto from the palace, and before many years had passed Meyer Amschel became the trusted friend and financial adviser of the Elector of Hanover, and founded one of the greatest fortunes in the world. And it all began with a hobby."

The Indian head was first placed on the American one-cent piece in 1859. This design was used until 1909 when it was discontinued and the portrait of Lincoln used instead.

The English sovereign was first coined in 1626. Previous to that, the noble, value fifteen shillings was the most valuable British coin.

The first English shilling was minted in 1503.

The first postal cards were printed in October, 1869.

The Confederate silver half dollar is reckoned as one of the rarest of American coins. It bears the date of 1861 and was struck at the mint at New Orleans.

It has the Goddess of Liberty on one side and a stalk of cane, one of cotton, and the stars and bars of the Confederacy in a coat of arms on the other side.

### *Various Denominations*

Elmer Wright, of Illinois, possesses many fine old specimens of paper money, including bills issued by the Republic of Texas in 1839; various denominations of the famous Continental currency and Confederate bills.

### *A Massachusetts Collection*

Arthur L. Hutchinson, Mass., is the possessor of several United States coins that are of unusual interest. He has two twenty-five cent gold pieces, and two fifty cent gold pieces, one round and the other octagonal. He picked up these four gold pieces many years ago in Texas and brought them home with him.

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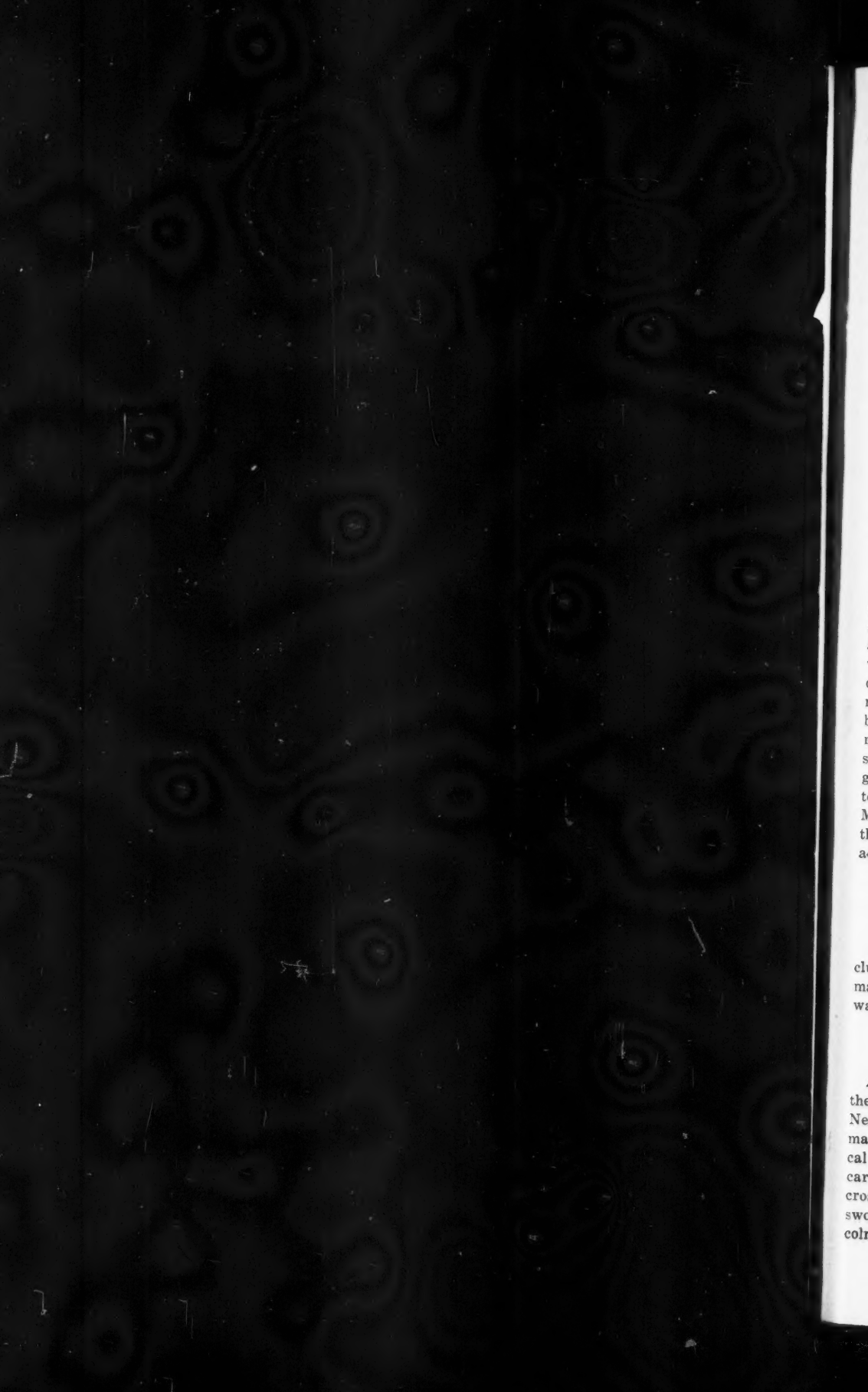
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# FIREARMS

## Introductory

With this issue we start a special department devoted to Arms. While it is only eight pages, it is a start and if it stimulates the promised enthusiasm it will quickly grow to one of the most important departments in the magazine. We would like to make it bigger to start, but the other departments demand attention also, because of the support they render us. It is a sort, of set law among publishers that in order to make a publication pay it should run at least 50-50, that is, 50 per cent advertising against 50 per cent reading. It will thus be seen that we are doing more than our share, but if every Arms dealer will carry at least a small advertisement, we will be able to have a section that will draw universal attention to this hobby. It is evident that the Arms collectors realize the need of a magazine to promote their hobby, because of the splendid cooperation we have received from them in the form of new subscriptions. The champion subscription getter of the month, was F. Theodore Dexter of Topeka, Kansas. He was followed by Mart F. Higgins of California. We hope the other fire-arm dealers and collectors will add the strength of their cooperative efforts.

—O. C. Lightner.

## Collector Since 12 Years Old

Alvin Hall, Pa., has 500 old weapons, including a Ferguson rifle listed by Banner-mans at \$1,000. He has collected since he was 12 years old.

## Spanish Sword

An old rusty sword found in 1896 on the Henry Ricket farm in Platte County, Nebraska, was identified by E. E. Blackman, curator of the Nebraska State Historical Society Museum, as one of the swords carried by the Spanish caravans which crossed what is now Nebraska in 1720. The sword is now in the State Museum at Lincoln.

## A Name Needed

Who will coin a word to describe Arms Collectors? Stamp collecting is known as Philatelics; coin collecting is numismatics; the street car and transfer collectors call themselves Peridromophiles. We have searched Webster's for a word that would describe gun collecting. We are adding scores of new words to the language every year. Can't we coin one and induce Mr. Webster to put it in his next edition. Who will name it?

## Famous Pistol Given to State

The six-shooter which called to order the first territorial assembly at Bannock, Mont., in 1864, was recently presented to the Montana Historical Museum.

The gun, the property of George Detwiler, representative from Jefferson county, was given the state museum by Mrs. O. M. Lanstrum.

## 300 Year Old Gun

A rare specimen of a gun known to be at least 300 years old was added to the collection at the Hastings museum some time ago. The gun is one of the earliest types of match-locks and the barrel is more than five feet long with a bore of more than an inch. For many years this gun was a part of the famous collection of firearms owned by the Duke of Austria. There are now more than 600 projectile arms in the museum collection, also about 200 swords, bayonets and other varieties of side arms.

## The Arms of Desperadoes

The late "Bill" Tilghman, noted peace officer and gun-fighter of the "old West," who was shot and killed in the discharge of his duty at Cromwell, Okla., owned a remarkable collection of guns taken from desperate characters of the past half a century.



## Long Guns in Small Spaces

Housed in this small space is an Arms collection worth thousands of dollars, the property of Dr. Wm. F. Saybold, New York.

**O**FTENTIMES would-be collectors of Shoulder Arms, complain that the long guns take up too much space in their homes and offices. We refute that theory by showing the Kentucky Rifle Collection of Doctor Wm. F. Saybold, of Long Island, N. Y.

**D**OCTOR SAYBOLD has one of the best Collections of Kentucky Rifles in America, and we can plainly see that a very small corner has been sufficient space for the best exhibit of thousands of dollars worth of beautiful and rare Kentucks.

**I**N the less than fifty Kentucks collected by Dr. Saybold, not one is worth less than \$100.00, and from that figure up to \$600.00 for some of the best. Every arm has been picked, to show some special point of beauty in design or ornamentation. After seeing this illustration of the Saybold Shoulder Arms, can we say that long guns take up too much room? Here is Arm beauty put into a small corner, and yet constituting a most beautiful exhibit of Antique Firearms.

—F. T. D.

## DEN ARMS

1—Marlin "Standard 1872" up-break .32 R. F. revolver. 3 in. bbl., brass frame. Good	5.00	and 4 in. bbl. Orig. cartridge punch in butt. Fine	6.85
2—English "Geach" center-hammer perc. pistol. 1½ in. bbl. Engraved lock. Good	5.00	24—Remington-Smoot silver-plated five-shot .32 cal. single-action rim-fire revolver with 2½ in. bbl. and ejector. Fine	6.15
3—Brass eight-gauge signal pistol. 4 in. tip-down bbl. Fine	6.45	25—Allen & Wheelock four-shot percussion pepperbox with all original finish. Extra fine	9.45
4—Colt first model double-action .45 calibre revolver with bird-head grips and 4¾ inch bbl. Ejector like S. A. Often called "Philippine Model." Chip out of grip. Bargain at	6.45	26—Moore teat-cartridge pocket revolver. Good	6.85
5—Double-barrell brass signal pistol, with bushing in one bbl. to use for cartridge. Massive, fine and showy	9.45	27—E. A. Prescott brass-frame .32 calibre rim-fire Navy revolver with 6 in. ribbed bbl. Very good	9.45
6—Big Lefauchaux pin-fire .44 cal. French Army revolver with 5 in. bbl. Good	6.45	28—Extra fine Cooper five-shot .31 cal. perc. revolver with 4 in. bbl. and all original finish. Double-action	9.45
7—Double barrel, perc. pistol with 3 in. bbl. Good	6.15	29—Beautiful American bronze cannon-model. Marked. Fine	15.00
8—American Standard Tool Co. ivory-handled up-break .32 R. F. revolver with 3 in. bbl. Good	5.45	30—Persian gold-inlaid blade dagger with beautiful carved ivory handle. 10½ in. curved blade. A \$25.00 dagger for only	14.50
9—Colt seven-shot .22 calibre R. F. revolver. Fair	5.00	31—Pearl-handled Sheffield dagger with 6 in. blade. Fine	5.00
10—Ketland & Co. brass-bbl., center-hammer flintlock pistol with 4 in. bbl. Fine	9.45	32—Beautiful carved-ivory sheath and handle. Japanese dagger (not bone) with figures on monkeys carved. Extra fine.	14.50
11—Sharp-type four-shot .22 calibre pistol. Fine	5.00	33—Ten different swords of India, that would retail for \$15.00 each but now put at each	6.45
12—Cooper double-action perc. pocket five-shot .31 calibre revolver with 5 in. bbl. Very good	9.45	34—Pair of silver-inlaid India Shields that would bring \$50.00 for an Oriental corner. The pair for only	17.50
13—Concealed-trigger perc. center-hammer pocket pistol. Fine	5.00	35—Extra fine Wheelock powder horn and shoulder strap. Horn made of jaw-bone of an ass, with high ornamentation	24.50
14—American cheap seven-shot .22 cal. revolver. Fair	2.00	36—The very earliest type of Chinese hand-cannon with wood (not bamboo) stock. Appraised at \$200.00. Bargain at only	45.00
15—Marlin up-break 32 R. F. revolver. Nickel. 3 in. bbl. Good	5.00	37—Pair of "Sharpe-London" Extra proof brass-barrel Flintlock pistols. This is the exact type most used by American Revolutionary War Officers. About 7½ in. bbl. Fine pair and only	42.50
16—F. & W. "Swamp Angel" .41 calibre R. F. five-shot revolver. Silver plated, bird-head grips and 3 in. bbl. Fine	5.45	38—Moro spears with shanks. I have six of them. The best den decorators known. Each	5.00
17—Favorite No. 3 five-shot .38 calibre revolver. Silver-plated and with 3 in. bbl. Fine	4.85	39—Moro knives. Not broken junk but good blades. Each	\$4.45
18—Allen & Thurber six-shot perc. bar-hammer pepperbox. Good	6.45	40—Moro Wavy-blade Krisses. The best you can buy. Each	14.50
19—Williamson .41 cal. Deringer-type pistol. Type carried by "Wild Bill" according to fiction writers. Good	6.45	41—Fine early German Sporting Crossbow	35.00
20—Percussion center-hammer, brass-frame pocket pistol. 1½ in. bbl. Good	5.00	42—Japanese Bow and Quiver with many arrows. Only	6.45
21—Allen & Thurber perc. pepperbox. Trigger-guard missing	4.45	43—Mohammedan Prayer Crutch with dagger in crutch. Fine	8.45
22—English "Wilson-London" center-hammer perc. pistol and square stock and 1½ in. bbl. Good	6.15	44—African Spears with shanks. Beauties for only each	4.15
23—Pond up-break six-shot 32 R. F. cart. revolver with spur-trigger			

Connoisseurs of Arms should send for my lists.

**TERMS: NO CAST-IRON BUSINESS RULES.** Approval always to those I know. Cash with order at first for new buyers, but this means approval, for the arm must suit or money refunded upon return of goods. Buyers pay all transportation, and all shipments must be by express collect. No. C. O. D. orders sent out.

### F. Theodore Dexter

910 Jefferson Street

Topeka, Kansas

### *Likes Arms Best of All*

#### THE EDITOR:

"I am sending you a dollar for a year's subscription to *HOBBIES*—I note what you say, "Contributions gladly received. I mean to take advantage of this and address myself to the old arm collectors, if I may.

"For years I was a member of ANA and formed quite a collection, specializing in English coins and although I have not added to it in the last fifteen years, I still have my collection intact.

"During the last twenty-five years, I have picked up about 3,000 stone age relics—all in Western Connecticut but arms collecting has been closest to my heart and it pleases me to think that at last there is a chance to get "A hook-up" with the different arms collectors, I have been in touch with throughout the country, and which I have reason to believe will read *HOBBIES*"

—S. S. Sherwood, Conn.

### *Rare Pieces to Museum*

An old flintlock pistol, hallowed by use in defense of General Washington in the Revolutionary War, was recently added to the historical relics in the memorial room at the Kenosha, Wisconsin, county courthouse. So also was a sword, which is a relic of Civil War days.

These were presented to the society by Mrs. Belle Castle, a Kenosha resident.

#### DEN ARMS

Beautiful Sword of India	-----\$6.15
U. S. Civil War Sabres in Scabbards	-----5.00
Civil War Period Percussion Colt Revolver	-----9.45
American single shot percussion Pistols	-----3.85
World War 1918 U. S. brass-knuck Trench Knife	-----3.15
Daggers and short swords	\$6.00
value each	-----3.45

F. THEODORE DEXTER  
910 Jefferson St. Topeka, Kansas

### *Regarding An Arm Exhibit*

Referring to a National Firearms Exhibition as suggested in the March issue of *HOBBIES*, Henry Morris, Chicago, who has dived in the arms business for more than forty years, has this to say,—“I do not hesitate to endorse an Arms Exhibit. I am confident such would be a success.

“We know by actual check that more than 6,000,000 adults take out hunting license annually in the U. S. We know that of the 9,000,000 persons in Canada that no less than 2,500,000 hunt in that vast country. We know also for example that out of 4,000,000 persons in Cook County, Illinois, and towns in proximity, more than 10,000 licenses are issued—but it is generally estimated that some 300,000 citizens in this area own hunting arms, and 1,000,000 firearms of some description. Based on the relative ratio of 3 to 1 as a conservative estimate, then for every license issued in the United States there are three times as many persons who possess sporting arms but who do not find time and money to hunt every year. Hence, that we have nationally 20,000,000 adult citizens, upon which to build an exhibit and, who possess firearms is near the correct figure.

In Illinois 245,000 licenses are issued annually. But farmers do not require licenses to hunt on home lands. So while New York and Pennsylvania issue 500,000 to 600,000 licenses respectively Illinois would exceed 400,000 under a law such as other states permits.

“In view of this isn't it reasonable to believe that a National Firearms Convention would be pleasurable and profitable.”

“Well, sir, you boys sure did noble with the first issue of *HOBBIES*. So you fellows are starting in small at first, eh? Good gravy, 'ain't' it good enough? I've already handed my dollar to a friend who is a magazine subscription agent.”—Converse Harwell, North Carolina.

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“I received my first copy of *HOBBIES* some time ago and was quite impressed with it.”  
—R. E. Dunlop, Ill.

## AN OBSERVATION

(from the article, "Hobbies," by H. EDWARD MOORE)

THE accompanying photographic reproduction shows one case and corner of an old antiquarian's den, the walls, and every available corner and space of which are filled with a romantic array of old guns, swords, shields, spears, Indian buckskin beadwork, and rare specimens of all kinds. Here interested visitors can feast their eyes and let their imaginations run riot for a whole day, and yet not exhaust the wonders of it all. And the romantic and historical association which the various pieces will conjure in your mind, as you take them in your hands and examine them to your heart's content—ask questions—and the genial old gentlemen answers with some of the remarkable stories, history, and incidents connected with them are enough to stimulate the most unimaginative mind. In fascination, you pick up an old Italian brigand's flintlock pistol; cocked—you squint along the barrel and imagine yourself an outlaw, high up in the mountains of Italy, fighting off the soldiers of the king, sent to take the fair princess that you and your gang are holding for ransom. Across the room, the old collector points to a wonderful old wheel-lock gun that belonged to a Polish king, in design and workmanship representing the highest art and craftsmanship of the latter end of the Middle Ages. This implement is inlaid with ivory and silver in the most intricate and beautiful designs, the Polish coat of arms, and a great dragon and hunting dog.

There are no "Hands Off" signs in this den of collections to admonish you and chill your impulsive and inquisitive ardor as you lose yourself in the mazes of antiquity and the realms of conquest and endeavor through which man has marched upward to civilization and achievement. Here one sees everything from a fossilized tooth of the mammoth found in Siberia, taking one



The photographic illustration shows but one corner of the old antiquarian's den which Mr. Moore describes in the accompanying paragraphs.

back in time to the glacial age, perhaps forty million years ago to a gnat imprisoned in a piece of amber. Rare old minerals; old historical powder horns from hunters, scouts, Indians, and some dating back to the Revolutionary War—these and hundreds of other relics are there. Age-old spearheads unearthed from crumbling Indian graves; and an Indian skull with a stone arrowhead imbedded in the forehead—mute evidence of a grim and tragic episode in ancient Indian life! A slender, lithe Spanish rapier, beautiful in the cruelty and nicety of outline; wicked Moro krisses with their

serpent-like twisted blades of Damascus steel artistically wrought, their use terrible to contemplate, recalling to mind the thrilling Malay tales of Joseph Conrad! An Arab rifle which may once have guarded the camel train of a nobleman from the ravages of desert nomads! An innocent looking blowgun and slender little arrows, their tips steeped in deadly poison, the prick of which means sure death, from the head-hunters of South America! Curious weapons from the South Seas and Borneo, Africa and the Eskimo of the far north! Old pirates cutlasses and blunderbusses from off the Spanish Main—reminiscent of the days of Captain Kidd and Stevenson's "Treasure Island!" Relics from many wars! Dueling pistols! Over the door an old Kentucky rifle of the days of Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton! Indian peace pipes, war clubs and tomahawks; copper spears, and a grewsome scalp lock; And not the least, is a large library of rare book, old papers and pictures.

As the eye wanders, here one truly sees a thousand hobbies. And in this enchanted atmosphere, if the observer does not get smitten with the collector's bug and rush forth posthaste to start a hobby, surely he has a perverse nature.

I have referred to this great "hobbiest" and his collection because of the many hobbies represented—and particularly firearms—suggest hundreds of enchanting highways and byways, and far horizons to enrich life in this workaday world.

### *A Valuable Collection*

Mr. George F. Harding, Chicago, has approximately \$3,000,000 in an art and arms collection. By 1933 the treasure will be housed in a million dollar castle on the lake front near 26th street it is reported.

#### **ANTIQUE WEAPONS**

Matchlocks, Wheellocks, Snapaunces, Flintlock Guns and Pistols, American Martial Pistols, Powder Horns, Rapiers, Swords, Daggers, Spears, Battle-axes. In fact, if it is an Antique Weapon, I either have it or will have it soon. My lists are illustrated. Sample list 10c.

**F. THEODORE DEXTER**  
1910 Jefferson St. Topeka, Kansas

### *A Badlands Gun*

William Lenneville, North Dakota, whose hobby is collecting interesting guns is in possession of the 50-95 Express Model 1876 which the famous Marquis de Mores was carrying at the time either he or his companion, Paddock, killed Riley Lufsey.

A thousand tales are told about the original owner of this gun. That he was a picturesque and somewhat famous person is attested to by history of the Badlands.

Envisioning himself a captain of industry in 1883 the marquis transported his wealthy bride to a deserted little spot along the little Missouri river in the Badlands of North Dakota. Here he founded a small town, naming it Medora after his bride.

In this vicinity he constructed an abattoir at a cost of \$250,000 for he had ambitions to bring the stockyards to the thousands of cattle grazing the free range rather than taking the cattle to a metropolitan center for slaughtering. This venture lasted about three years.

One of de Mores' other ventures was the establishment of a stage coach line.

After losing a million and a half dollars in five year, de Mores left the West, holding the sincere liking and respect of the frontiersmen. He was later murdered by native guides while exploring in Africa, and is buried at Cannes, France.

A statue commemorates him today in the little hamlet of Medora, and the public school in that village is named in his honor. This is only a part of the interesting story connected with the 50-95 Express Model 1876 relic.

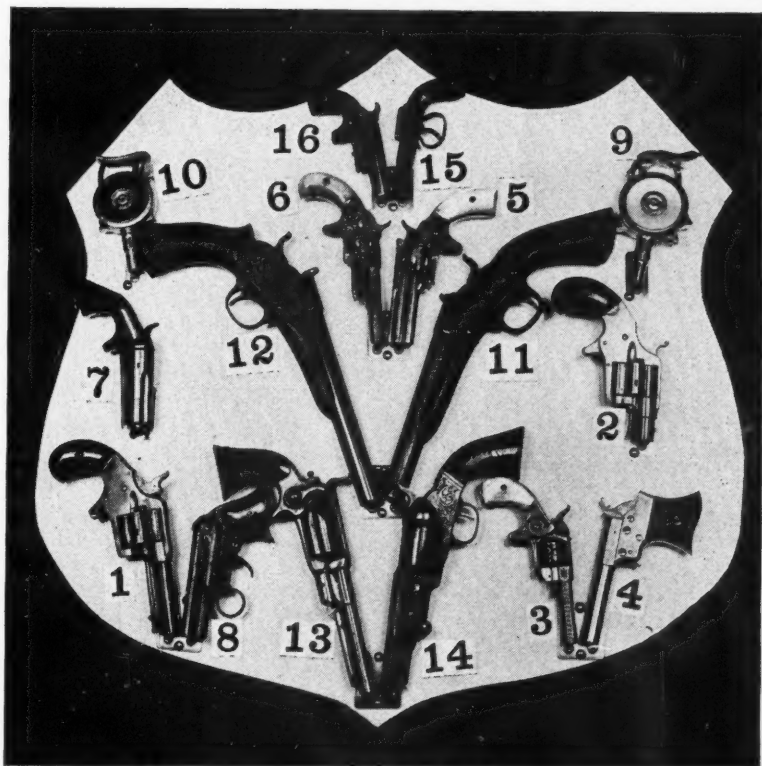
—*Esther Abbetmeyer Selke.*

### *Musical Genius Likes Rifles*

Henri Verbrugghen, the Belgian musical genius, does not spend all of his time wielding a baton. Questioned by reporters at a concert in Chicago sometime ago he said in part:

"And I'll have to admit, since you have heard it already, that I am a collector of shotguns and rifles. Just a hobby, however, don't tell everybody that I'm an expert, because I've only thirty or forty models."

## DEN ARMS



**SHOWMANSHIP** enters extensively into the full recreation of collecting antique firearms, also, when for some reason or other, the collection is to be sold, showmanship always adds hundreds of dollars to the net cash realized.

Part of good showmanship, originates by so collecting and posing models, that great comparisons may be drawn between the various types. The above demonstrates methods of posing arms, and naming the types displayed.

Number 1 is the Colt four-shot House Pistol of .41 calibre, often called the "Cloverleaf" because of the cloverleaf form of barrel. Number 2 shows the most rare type of this Colt House Pistol, with only 1½ inch barrel and straight-up hammer. Number 3 is a presentation Forehand & Wadsworth, side-hammer .22 calibre rim-fire, seven-shot revolver, patent of 1865. Num-

ber 4 is a Remington Officer's model Vest Pocket .41 calibre R. F. pistol, with 5¾ inch barrel. This is the largest size, and the other two sizes are the .32 calibre and the baby size .22 calibre, that will readily fit in a watch pocket. Number 5 is the Osgood Patent "Duplex" nine-shot .22 and .32 calibre revolver. This has eight shots via cylinder, and an under barrel of single-shot carries on .32 calibre cartridge. Patent 1880. Number 6 is a Wesson & Harrington ivory-handled and engraved seven-shot .22 calibre revolver with 3½ inch barrel. Number seven is a Bacon six-shot .22 calibre pepper-box, on which the barrel revolves. Number 8 is a Remington-Ride, ring-trigger, four-shot .32 calibre pistol. This has an internal hammer mechanism by which a disc is indexed to strike one edge of the cartridges, one at a time. Number 9 is a Chicago Firearms Co. "Protector" palm

pistol, which loads on the turret plan, number 10 being the plain one. Number 11 is the Remington Model 1866 Navy .50 calibre pistol, while number 12 shows the Army type of the same Model. Number 13 is the Colt 1855 Model side-hammer .31 calibre, five-shot percussion revolver. Number 14 is the Bacon Pocket Model .31 calibre percussion five-shot revolver. Number 15 is the Bacon bar-hammer single-shot percussion pistol, made for pocket work. Number 16 is a "Southerner" .41 calibre single-shot Deringer-type pistol.

"I received the HOBBIES and all I can say that it is a 'humdinger.' I want advertising rates by return mail. Hurry! And say your magazine is so fine that I want to sell it!"—Jos. J. O'Bracta, N. Y.

### Prized Relics

Durango, like other cities, has philatelists, bug collectors, plant collectors, and collectors and collectors and collectors—but one of the most interesting groups of relics that has been assembled is the gun collection owned by Dr. W. M. Lyle, who moved to this city from Telluride.

The gun he prizes most highly is an old model, .45 calibre Colts revolver, which has a seven inch barrel. Dr. Lyle obtained it as a relic about 30 years ago. The gun has been carried in a holster so long that one side of the barrel, near the end, is worn flat.

Another gun highly valued by Dr. Lyle is an old model Evans rifle. This gun has the hammer underneath the barrel, and the magazine holds 34 cartridges.

During the Phillipine war, a friend of

Dr. Lyles' secured a Bolo knife for the latter's collection. When the doctor first secured the wicked looking weapon it was covered with human blood, but during the past twenty years the stains have gradually become dimmer until they are scarcely discernible.

—Durango (Colo.) Herald-Democrat.

### Gift

Rev. A. F. Newell, Nebraska, recently received from an Eastern relative an old shot horn which has considerable historic value.

The horn dates back to those days of muzzle-loading firearms when every hunter carried, slung from his neck a "powder horn" on one side and a horn for shot on the other. The former was always the larger, and each was fashioned from the horn of a cow or steer.

### SEND STAMP

For closing out list of antique and modern firearms and their accessories and hundreds of miscellaneous articles. Priced to go quick.

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COLTS automatic 45, 10 power prism binoculars, fine field glass, Marlin 22. Want electric radio, Ford balloon tires, 32-20 Colts, camp stove or?—P. J. Myers, Crawfordsville, Ind.

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GARDEN tractor, 10 power binoculars, Marlin 22 repeater. Want 32-20 Colts pistol, or anything useful.—Paul Myers, Crawfordsville, Ind.

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WANTED—"Colts" revolvers, all kinds, especially the early cartridge models—any condition. Give lowest cash price in first letter.—Address The Gun Room, Sigel, Pa., on the "Famous Cooks Forest Road." Stop and see me.

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WANTED—Large, fine, double-barrel, flintlock pistols, also dueling pistols in like condition.—E. E. Harris, Perrysville, Indiana.

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FOR EXCHANGE—New and used firearms and antiques for Indian relics.—G. D. O'Day, Mt. Sterling, O.

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FOR SALE—Chinese hand cannon percussion octagon barrel squirrel rifle. Checkered walnut stock and nicely mounted in nickel. Antiques in wood, glass, china, etc.—J. J. Norris, 556 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta Ga.

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### WANT

Antique and modern small firearms. Must be all complete in original parts and in good condition.

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SALE—Old time firearms at prices lower than ever offered. Send for list. Also, I am in the market for such arms if O. K. and prices right.—Morris, 2633 E. 74th St., Chicago, Ill.

### ARMS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

Slimeon North, Berlin, Ct. Flintlock U. S. Martial Pistol	\$135.00
1807 Harpers Ferry U. S. Flintlock Pistol FINE	135.00
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Write me on these, for full descriptions, if interested.

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# INDIAN RELICS



Human head bottle dug out of Indian Graves in Yell Co., Ark.

## *Relics With One Eye Snakes With the Other*

George J. Remsburg, of Porterville, California, was excavating for Indian relics at in the life of an Indian relic hunter.

R. L. Valkenburgh, of Long Beach, California, was excavating for Indian relics at Point Mugu, near Oxford in that state, recently. So intent was he upon his work that he did not notice a rattlesnake coiling nearby ready to strike him. But Valkenburgh's police dog did. Loyally, as the snake was set to strike, the dog sprang upon it and after a few minutes of grim combat was able to kill it.

Then Valkenburgh discovered that his dog had been bitten in the mouth by the snake. Losing no time, the dog was rushed to a hospital where emergency treatment saved it's life.

Valkenburgh, who had been gathering the Indian relics for a Long Beach museum straightened his hair out flat again, gathered anew his courage and went back to his archaeological operation. It's reasonable to suppose that now he looks for relics with one eye and snakes with the other.

## *Peculiar Type of Inlay Work*

O. le Neve Foster, of Denver, Colorado, is interested in Indian Basketry and is writing a book on the subject. Some one of these days he may get in touch with A. D. Lee, of California, who owns a collection of Klamath Indian basketry valued at more than \$10,000. Many of these baskets feature a peculiar type of inlay work which is

fast becoming a lost art.

And speaking of lost arts reminds us that the current fall in the price of silver has not detracted one whit from the value of Sheffield Plate made under the original process. While we know that in some secret manner the silver in the original process was flowed under a precise method of heating over a vessel of fine repoussed copper or brass, the secret of its doing, always carefully guarded, has become a lost art. By comparison modern pieces have much to gain.

Possibly Messrs. Foster and Lee have a weather eye to the value of collecting items, fast disappearing from the face of the earth. It looks like a hobby that will pay handsomely as time passes.

## *Collector of Long Standing*

T. O. Young, of Syracuse, New York, has a long head start on most of us when it comes to collecting. In or about 1880 when he was a student at the Oswego State Normal and Training School he began gathering U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamps, augmenting his collection with rare Indian Relics in which the state, though it may surprise some Westerners, abounds.

Fifty years' passing finds him not only a collector of note in his line, but a man of affairs in the Empire State. In the past a frequent contributor to *The West*, now merged with *HOBBIES*, he extends a cordial invitation to other collectors to visit him when they happen to be in his vicinity.

## *Picked Specimens*

D. D. Denby, of Missouri, has a remarkable collection of Indian relics comprising over 5000 different specimens of Arrow Heads and Spears. Included are picked specimens of many of the Red Man's household implements.

While he is not a dealer, but merely follows the dictates of his hobby, he expects

to some day dispose of the collection in one parcel.

Greenfield, in Dade County, has many burial sites of the Indians, most of which have been regrettably looted by unthinking people in the past with the material scattered and lost. Fortunately, comments Mr. Denby, several remarkable collections have been made and kept intact. The area in large part was inhabited by the Creek and Osage Indians.

Mr. Denby, with others civic minded in the region, are throwing the weight of their opinion towards adoption by the State Legislature of a law to preserve Indian and Stone Age implements for posterity.

### *200,000 in Ten Years*

G. B. Fenstermaker, of Lancaster, Pa., recently sold 200,000 Indian relics which he collected during his spare time in the course of the last ten years. He is now working on a second collection.

Mr. Fenstermaker adds science to his work which has enabled him to excavate and locate many fine burial mounds in his state. He is a member of The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, an association formed to promulgate the interests of archaeology. This society does much to stimulate Indian relic interest, and is maintained by yearly membership dues of \$2.00. Boy Scouts and members under twelve years contribute yearly dues of \$1.00 per person.

R. B. Servidge, of Muskogee, Okla., has collected 3,000 Indian relics during 48 years of excavating work in Oklahoma and the Middle West.

Dr. M. M. Lane, Harviell, Mo., has 10,000 fine Indian relics.

### *Indian Peace Medals*

The early peace medals given to the Indians were struck in any design to suit the fancy of the donor. Beginning with Jefferson's day, a standard official medal was adopted and those following were the same size, design and metal, with the names of the respective Presidents, until the administration of Fillmore in 1850, when the reverse was entirely changed.

### *Boy's Hobby Found to be Valuable*

Indian arrowheads picked up by a boy in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y., many years ago and treasured in the corner of an attic where other members of the family would not disturb them formed the nucleus of what is now one of the most valuable collections of antiques in Kansas City, Mo.

Edward A. Butts, curator of the public library's museum, was that youthful collector who found in the Indian relics beauty and history of a rapidly vanishing civilization and who, as he grew older, became more interested in early artistic efforts of all kinds. Today his collection numbers more than 10,000 pieces and includes fossils, minerals, glassware, brass, Indian relics, books, prints, etchings and paintings.

More than twenty cases in the museum are filled with specimens he has collected. Other pieces in his collection are housed in the attic of his home.

### *Pleads for Preservation of Indian Handwork*

Fred Leighton, formerly of Gallup and Santa Fe, N. Mex., and who is now conductor of a well-known Indian Trading Post in Chicago believes that American Indian art is the real and only American peasant art. It is an older and more spontaneous development, he holds, than the handiwork of the early white settlers which is now being sought so eagerly by all devotees of the early American. Furthermore, Mr. Leighton predicts that if the process of de-Indianizing the Indian continues at its present rate, the practice of the ancient arts and crafts of the red man will not survive the next thirty years.

He points out that Indian blankets, rugs, pottery, basketry and kindred products are admirably adapted to use in the decoration of many American homes, and believes that if a sufficient number of people can be brought to realize this, the future of American Indian craftsmanship will be assured. The average boy, he says, would be delighted to have his room decorated with Indian work. Sun parlors, lounges in clubs, lobbies in hotels and numerous other rooms are given also for the acceptable use of the red man's products.

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### *From His Farm*

John Kyles who lives in Carden Bottoms, Ark., has been excavating in an old Indian mound on his farm recently and has found some valuable relics and pottery, besides a skeleton with the neck still connected with the body, and with beads around the neck.

### *A Museum Bequest*

Several Indian and lumbering relics have come into the possession of the historical museum of the La Crosse State Teachers college, La Crosse, Wis., during the past few weeks, the gifts of R. H. Wesson, 220 South Nineteenth street, and T. G. Aiken, Onalaska.

A large stone celt used by the Indians during the time they held possession of the northwest, a pipestone pipe, a stone club, a pair of mocasins, and a model of an Indian cradle were the gifts of Mr. Wesson.

The celt was used by the Redskins for cutting and scraping purposes. The pipestone pipe has a long decorated stem, and the club has a stone head with a heavy leather handle.

### *Many Years Work*

One of the finest collections of Indian and archaeological relics ever assembled in northeastern Wisconsin was presented to the Neville Museum, Green Bay, Wis., by Albert Hill, Seymour, who spent 48 years in assembling it.

The articles to be exhibited total nearly 100. Some represent the finest of Indian workmanship in both trade and agricultural implements and weapons for warfare. Spear points of extraordinary length, unexcelled in type, as well as chipped flint instruments

and points of remarkable workmanship will be included in the showing.

### *A Misplaced Pipe*

A lone Indian roaming over the flat surface of Central Jersey some 800 years ago, accidentally dropped his clay pipe and continued his journey without it. A Rutgers University professor, exploring in the clay pits near South River recently, discovered a piece of the stem of the pipe. This stem, buried in a stratum of glacial gravel, has been identified as an authentic Indian relic by members of the State Advisory Committee on Indian Archaeology.

When Granville A. Quakenbush, instructor in geology at Rutgers, showed the stem to his colleagues, was at first believed that it was a relic of great antiquity. Tapering in diameter from an inch at one end to half an inch at the other extremity, it is pierced by a bore which evidently was cut by a revolving tube.

Inasmuch as it was discovered in a layer of glacial gravel believed to have been distributed from floods of melting ice in the glacial age, the Rutgers geologists were at a loss as to how it happened to be found in rocks and sand formation estimated to be 50,000 years of age.

It was decided, after conference with the museum committee, that the Indian owner had dropped the pipe and that it had fallen inside the burrow of a rodent, thus gaining entrance into the stratum which antedates it by thousands of years.

Mr. Quakenbush, who is making a scientific study of the clay deposits in the vicinity of South River, came upon the object in an eight foot layer of gravel resting on a sand bank about twenty-five feet in depth.

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More than 2,000 pieces are included in a gift recently received by the Fond du Lac Library museum, Fond du Lac, Wis., the value of which it is impossible to estimate, it is announced by the Rev. J. H. Becker chairman of the committee in charge. The gift was made by Mrs. Ellen F. Butterfield, 713 Milwaukee avenue, Milwaukee, president of the South Milwaukee Public museum.

The pieces, most of which are labeled, will be cataloged by Dr. H. S. Steenberg, curator, and arranged for display. Due to the overcrowded condition of the museum, which has been housed on the third floor in the northeast wing of the library building, the display will be placed in specially constructed cases and arranged on the third floor of the west wing.

The gift includes many varieties of stuffed birds, rare stones, shells, wood-carving, coins, butterflies, Indian goods, scales, books, statues, Egyptian relics, Japanese items, powders and sand.

### Finds Artistic Pipe

A magnificently formed stone pipe, in a perfect state of preservation, carved unknown centuries ago by some persevering and skillful chieftain of an unidentified band of roaming Indians, was found this week by Charles McCollister on the Granny Finley farm, between Price and Hayden, Md.

That the Indian who performed this particularly excellent piece of stone carving was an artist at heart also is disclosed by certain fanciful embellishments with which he adorned the pipe. The marks of artistry take the form of carved channels and dots on the sides and around the edges of the smoking implement.

This is not the first Indian relic found by Mr. McCollister in recent years. He has several Indian hatchets, darts and other curios. Ordinarily these relics are seldom found except near the water where Indians customarily made their camps. The Granny Finley farm, to the contrary, is far inland. It is assumed, therefore, that this pipe was lost by Indians on the march, engaged in warfare or while on a hunting expedition into the interior.

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### News Flashes

To W. Straley, Missouri, goes the credit for the following news flashes:

Dr. Herbert I. Dickey was scheduled to start the middle of March on his fifth expedition to the Upper Orinoco region of Venezuela in his quest for a tribe of "white Indians."

Down in Peru, the Shipper-Johnson expedition, which is sponsored by the American Geographical Society, is mapping and photographing by airplane the Inca ruins near Talara.

The Medicine Man, survival of hundreds of years of fetishes practiced by British Columbia Indians, is still abroad in that region, where his reverberating drum still drives off evil spirits and his wierd head-dress marks his status. A dominating force still among the Indian, legislation has only partially removed his power.

A forest gone virgin again covers two types of ruins at Quintana Roo in a comparatively unknown territory of Mexico. One class of ruins is from a Spanish period when churches, great as the Merida Cathedral once towered skyward. A still greater aggregation of ruins are those of the Maya cities which antedate the Spanish by an unknown number of centuries.

An article anent the "Mystery of the Lost Atlantis" has recently appeared in a prominent metropolitan daily paper. An interesting excerpt follows:

"What about the Mayas of Guatemala and Yucatan, that vanished race who raised to their Gods great cities and temples scarcely less wonderful than the cities and temples of ancient Greece; who invented one thousand years before Columbus discovered America a calendar more accurate than the calendar of Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory. Who were the tall, fair haired, blue eyed men who came to them from over the 'Big Waters.' The tall white men who became their gods; Kukulcan, Votan, Quetzalcoatl, men or gods who are really one

and the same; the strangers who must have been not one tall, fairhaired, blue eyed man but a succession of such, arriving mysteriously from the East to teach the Mayas the marvels and mysteries of which only baffling, maddening traces now remain in the heart of the temples that lie in the impenetrable forests of Central America.

—temples to the Feathered Serpent—to the blond giants they called gods, but who must have been men from where? Could they have made their way over a land bridge from Europe or Atlantis? The distance could not have been great. Could they have been the survivors of a ruined continent escaped from the general destruction? There is no one to answer. Neumayr, the German geologist, contended that a continent existed between Africa and South America. Nobody knows. Perhaps nobody will ever know.

### A Monument

The grave of the Pawnee chief whose daring rescue of a captive Comanche girl in 1817 terminated the Indian practice of sacrificing human life is to be marked with a monument in the near future according to plans of a group of Nebraskans.

Pita-le-sha-ru's grave first was located in 1883 when a group of young people found a skeleton and a silver medal. This medal was inscribed to the Indian chief and carried an account of his heroic action and a picture of the Indian maid about to be burned to death as a sacrifice to the Morning Star.

The medal had been presented to Pita-le-sha-ru by the young women of Mrs. White's seminary at Philadelphia when the Indian chief visited the east in 1826. At the time of this visit the portrait of the noted Indian was painted at Washington and a copy of this now hangs in the Nebraska State historical society museum.

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### *What An Exploration May Reveal*

While exploring a series of caves in a wild area about 125 miles southeast of Tonopah, Nev., Fred Pine of Las Vegas, Nev., uncovered a collection of Indian relics, including baskets, three woven water bottles, two bows, a quiver of arrows, an old Spanish blunderbuss with funnel shaped muzzle, a large water jug and a cone-shaped water cooler.

The walls of one cave were covered with painted hieroglyphics. In another cave Pine found the walls completely lined with pitch. The caves all appear to be natural cavities with their contents enclosed by a stone wall. Most of the relics are said to be of very ancient manufacture.

### *Rather Recent Finds*

Old clay pottery, believed to have been used by cave dwellers or Indians of a later period, was unearthed today in a cavern near the top of Pine mountain, in Cumberland state park, Pineville, Ky.

The find was made by Bertram Combs and Robert Elliott, who entered the cave and dug six or eight inches beneath the soil accumulated on the bottom of the cavern before finding the relics.

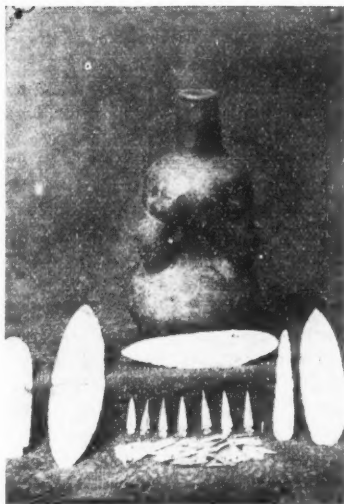
Dr. Mason Combs has written the Smithsonian institute, and samples of the pottery have been sent to Dr. Funkhouser, of the University of Kentucky. One vessel resembling an old-fashioned cuspidor was taken out intact, but others were broken. A large conch shell was found on the cavern floor beneath the accumulated debris.

Dr. Combs said that his son said they built a fire in the cave and that the smoke disappeared and that this was a circumstance noted in caves thought to have been inhabited by cave dwellers.

The vessel taken out was finely made symmetrical in every way, and unusually light. Numerous bones also were found in the cave beneath the surface. The boys are planning to return later for further excavations.

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Double bottle and other relics found in Yell Co., Ark.

## **Here and There in the Press** *All "Indian Blankets"*

### *An Observation*

A modern observer writes: \* \* \* \*

"The changes that come into the lives of the Indians could be noted in that circle. Only the aged Indian woman wore moccasins. The young belles of the tribe wore high heeled shoes of latest style, and silk stockings. Their hair, black as raven's wings, was marcelled and waved in the newest mode. On their lips and cheeks were the cosmetics of the whites instead of the red and yellow ochre of the old days.

"But all wore blankets, and such blankets! They were of mixed purple, blue red, green, orange and gold.

"One maiden, who I was told has been educated in an eastern college for girls, wore a blanket of solid purple with a belt of crimson beads encircling her waist.

"You couldn't buy that blanket for a thousand dollars," I was told.

"Later I went to a store in town and priced a belt of beads such as she wore.

"One hundred and twenty-five dollars," said the dealer.

"Hanging beside the belt was an Indian feathered headdress.

"It's sold," the dealer said. "Frank Phillips, the oil king, came in here the

other day and paid me \$500 for it. He is to come in soon and take it away.

"An ordinary beaded belt is worth from \$10 to \$60." "But here," said the dealer, "if you want a real Indian relic take this," and he opened his safe, pulled open a drawer and lifted out a long tress of coarse black hair with a leathery disc about the size of a silver dollar attached to one end.

"An Indian scalp," he said, as he held it aloft. "It's probably 75 years old, maybe 100."

"How much?" I asked.

"Five hundred dollars."

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"Will I? I've been offered \$250, but it's \$500 or nothing. Really I ought to get \$1,000 for it. I saw in the paper some time ago where a book, only 100 years old, sold at an auction back East for \$1,000, and an autograph of George Washington sold for \$500. But, where is there a book or autograph so rare and interesting, so historic, as this old Indian scalp lock? There are only a few in all this country. There can never be another.

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## Out Hollywood Way

By HERMAN C. NASCHKE

### The Long Beach Show

Speakin' of stamps an' things Philatelic, those Long Beach boys gave the appearance of being veterans at the game of showing stamps. But in reality their first attempt was an exhibit which was held March 19 to 22 at 117 W. 1st St., Long Beach. Attendance for the four days passed the 10,000 mark and collectors as well as many non-collectors were present from many neighboring cities.

There were exhibits of United States stamps in singles, blocks, sheets, and all the specialized lines one might want to collect, from 5c errors with fly specks to St. Louis bears and Wells Fargos. There were blocks of four of the Columbians complete, Trans-Mississippi complete, and what not. One entire section was devoted to "specimens" sent in by a Chicago collector. The juniors also had their hey-dey, and take it from me, some of the boy collectors are better versed in stamps than some of the grown-ups.

Ribbons were distributed to the winners. Airmail stamps held a big place in popularity. Simeon Baldwin's collection of airmails in blocks of four was the prize winner in this section. This collection contained many blocks that are considered rare as singles. His show piece was a complete sheet of Mexico No. 901.

A novel feature of the exhibit was the post office on the premises which sold commemoratives. And how the young boys and the old boys picked them up! One club member unearthed 25 sheets of the 1c perf. 10 Panama-Pacific stamps, and they went five to a customer at face value. Many tried to get in line the second time, and got by with it. A special cachet was applied each day on all letters mailed at the show.

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